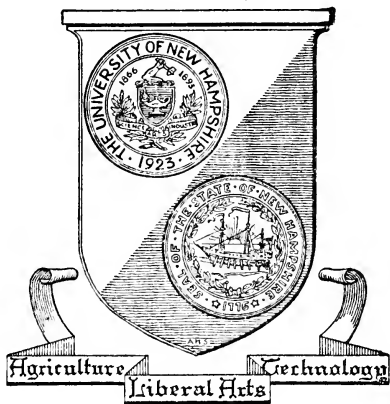


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OF THE

TOWN OF HENNIKER,

MERRIMACK COUNTY, NEW HAMPSHIRE,

FROM THE DATE OF THE CANADA GRANT BY THE
PROVINCE OF MASSACHUSETTS, IN

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The author claims for this work no literary merit. It is a plain, unvarnished record of our ancestors and their deeds, together with those of their descendants to and including this generation.

This has been no easy task,—obstacles almost innumerable having been in my way. The records of the town furnish but little, save dates and outlines of action by the town, upon matters of public interest. But few papers of value have been found preserved by the descendants of the early settlers, about whom we have a desire to know all that is possible. The material has been collected at much expense of time, travel, and money. Wherever any records have been heard of that would give me any information, they have been thoroughly examined.

I am indebted to a few individuals for much valuable information. From the older people of the town, many of whom have passed away since this work was begun, I have received much of importance. To Rev. Jacob Scales, lately deceased; to Miss Rebecca Ramsdell, whose wonderful memory was of great help; to the librarian of the New England Historic-Genealogical Society of Boston, for the free use of its library; to the gentlemanly secretary of state of Massachusetts, for his courtesy and kindness; to Robert C. Mack, Esq., of Londonderry, to Rev. Silas Ketchum, of Poquonnoc, Ct., to Mrs. Mary Culver, of Vassar, Michigan, and others,—I am especially indebted; and to them, and to all who have in any manner assisted me, I am exceedingly grateful.

I am able to present a few engravings of the sons and daughters of the town, and wish that more had been contributed, thus improving the opportunity of transmitting

themselves to future generations. This work has been alike open to all.

Particular attention is called to the Revolutionary record of the town, which was obtained only by weeks of most persistent labor upon the state records of the Revolution, now on file in the adjutant-general's office. The subsequent calls upon the patriotism of the town were most promptly obeyed, through the inspiration and example of the soldiers of the Revolution.

I am greatly indebted to Joseph B. Sawyer, Esq., of Manchester, and his brother, Rev. Henry E. Sawyer, for many years residents of this town, for the plan of the survey of the township into ranges and lots, furnished at their expense, copied from the original plan found among the papers of Hon. Matthew Patten, of Bedford, under whose direction the survey was made, in memory of their father, "who was a resident of Henniker from 1830 to 1843, and who was to the end of his life a kind parent, and an honest, God-fearing man."

Towns mentioned in this work without the name of a state following, will be considered as belonging to New Hampshire. Towns outside the state are accompanied with the names of the states to which they belong.

In spite of all efforts to the contrary, errors and omissions will probably be found ; but it will not be because the best has not been done, with the means at my command, to have it otherwise. To make this work *accurate* and *reliable*, has been my constant aim.

That these pages may prove of interest to the reader, and that the Genealogical Register may be of much benefit to all concerned, is the wish of him who has labored so patiently and perseveringly for so many years in their compilation.

I take great pride in presenting this book, printed upon paper manufactured in Henniker by the Contoocook Valley Paper Company.

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INTRODUCTION.

LOCATION—AREA—HILLS—RIVER—PONDS AND BROOKS—
ARBOREAL PRODUCTIONS—SCENERY.

HENNIKER is the most south-westerly town of Merrimack county, and is, in form, nearly a square. It is, in extent, on its east line, adjoining Hopkinton, 2,152 rods, the variation of lots being south eighteen degrees east. Its west line, adjoining Hillsborough, is 2,152 rods in extent, the variation of the lots being the same as upon its east line. Its north line is, in extent, 1,613 rods adjoining Warner and 400 rods adjoining Bradford, the variation of lots being north eighty-two degrees east. The south line is 1,227 rods adjoining Weare, and 786 rods adjoining Deering, the variation of lots being the same as upon the north line. The township is therefore seven sixteenths of a mile longer upon its east and west lines than upon its north and south.

The township contains about 27,000 acres, over one fifth of which is covered with water. The town is situated in latitude $43^{\circ} 10'$ north, and in longitude $5^{\circ} 10'$ east from Washington, and lies fifteen miles west from Concord, twenty-seven north from Amherst, thirty-four east from Keene, and twenty-five north-westerly from Manchester.

The Contoocook river enters the town at its south-western side, passing easterly through its centre, and leaving the town upon its eastern side. The course of the river is very circuitous, and presents, in many places, scenery of peculiar interest and beauty. Few places in the state have

better water-power than is afforded by this river within this township. The vicinity of the falls, in the south-westerly part of the town, presents as favorable a power as can well be found in any other town. The stream rises rapidly in the spring of the year and during heavy storms, but as soon subsides when the cause is removed, and an even supply of water, the entire season, goes rippling and singing on its way to the ocean.

The surface of the town is broken, and in some parts hilly. The highest hill is Craney hill, which tradition says was so called for a family by that name who at one time resided upon its south side, and near the Weare line. Its elevation is 1,420 feet above the sea. Upon the southerly side of this hill are to be found some of the best farms of the town. A chain of hills extends from this hill westerly to the river, beyond which are some of our most hilly but best cultivated farms. A chain of hills extends along the western line of the town, affording most excellent pasturage, and, in some places, excellent farms. Slight elevations only exist in the northern and eastern part of the town.

The land lying in the valley of the river was not considered fit for settlement until long years after the town began to be peopled, the larger part of the inhabitants settling upon the hills. In this valley are situated the two villages, one mile apart, and many excellent farms. A large number of the early settlers commenced living in the town, in its south-east part, in consequence of there being at that time quite a tract of low land, upon which grew a coarse grass, which assisted in sustaining the little stock that was kept until land could be cleared. This natural meadow, now quite large, has furnished an immense amount of hay during the century and more that it has been mown.

Few minerals have ever been found in the town, Craney hill furnishing a little black lead. Besides the river, the town is well watered, quite a number of small streams rising in different parts of the town, and others still coming into

town, and nearly all emptying into the river. Most of these brooks furnish water during the entire season, affording good fishing-ground for trout and other fish.

Quite a number of ponds are to be found in different parts of the town, the largest of which is

Long pond, situated one mile and a half north of the main village. This pond was known for over half a century as "Farnham's pond," it having been named for Baracas Farnham, the first settler near it. This pond is about one mile in length from east to west, and from sixty to eighty rods in width from north to south. Connecting with Long pond is

Middle pond, a little pond lying easterly from Long pond, being about eight rods across it, and nearly circular in form. Connected with this pond, and lying easterly, is

Upper pond, about eighty rods across it, and some half a mile in width. This pond was formerly known as "North Outlet pond."

These ponds furnish a large amount of fishing-grounds, which are generally much sought after during the proper times of fishing.

Whitaker's pond is situated in the easterly part of the town, and near Hopkinton line. This is a small pond, and was named for Isaac Whitaker, the first settler near its shore.

Gove's pond is situated in the easterly part of the town, near Ridge hill, and north-easterly from Whitaker's pond. It is nearly circular in form, and is quite large. It derived its name from Abram and Ebenezer Gove, brothers, who settled upon its northern shore early in the present century. This pond was a famous resort for the Indians for fishing. Whitaker's pond was also a part of their fishing-ground.

Pleasant pond is situated in the south part of the town, near James Brown's. This is so called from the appearance of the pond, before the timber was largely cut away from its shores. It was then embowered, as it were, with

large forests of pine, having a beautiful appearance. A small stream running from this pond has for a large number of years furnished the power to operate Mr. Brown's grist and shingle mill.

Buxton's pond is a small pond lying north-westerly from the present residence of Nathan P. Buxton, and contains some four or five acres of surface. The water in this pond is nowhere over three feet in depth. Several winters since, the water froze to such a depth as to kill the fish. Others were placed in the pond the next season, and the pond has become good fishing-ground again.

Morrill's pond, or Mud pond, is situated south-easterly from the residence of Harrison Morrill, and is quite small in size. This pond is so called in consequence of the deep mud which is known to exist over the surface, under the water. In many places no bottom can be reached. It is very good fishing-ground.

Crancy Hill pond is situated on the southern slope of the hill, and is quite large in extent. A large number of eels and horn-pouts are taken from this pond. A very pretty drive extends around the southerly and easterly sides of the pond. This pond was a very common resort for bears, in the early settlement of the town.

Clough's pond is situated in the north-west part of the town, near the residence of Levi B. Davis, and is not very large in extent. This pond was named for Dea. David Clough, who moved from Federal hill to the present residence of Mr. Davis, and was a prominent man in town for a good many years. This pond is fair fishing-ground.

Mud pond No. 2. This pond is situated in the southerly part of the town, is nearly circular in form, and furnishes fair fishing-ground. The mud around this pond, as well as under its water, extends to a great depth. It is subject to annual overflows, so level is the land adjacent to its shores.

All these ponds abound with the fish common to New Hampshire, and in some of them they are taken in great

abundance. The most abundant of these fish are the pickerel, the perch, the chub, the catfish or horned-pout, and the common eel.

These fish are more or less caught from the river, also. The lovers of fish and fishing are anticipating much pleasure from fishing in the Contoocook, when it shall have in its waters the salmon, the fish commissioner for the state for 1875, Oliver H. Noyes, Esq., having placed in its head waters, during that year, 25,000 spawn of California salmon.

Around these ponds and upon the banks of the Contoocook, there were formerly forests of immense growth, which were the haunts of many kinds of wild animals.

The bear, moose, deer, wolf, and wild-cat were at one time quite numerous, but have disappeared as civilization advanced. Few persons are now living who have seen them within the borders of the town.

Beavers were at one time quite numerous. Traces of them are yet to be seen in different parts of the town. Portions of their dams, in an excellent state of preservation, have recently been exhumed in the north end of the meadows, and near the little mound lying southerly from the present residence of Josiah W. Emery.

Otters were quite abundant at one time, but are now nearly or quite extinct. Mink and muskrat are still much hunted, and more or less are trapped every season. Foxes are yet quite plenty, and the hunting of them affords much amusement to several sportsmen during the fall and winter. The rabbit, coon, and woodchuck are quite plenty, and their mischievous doings are everywhere to be seen. Squirrels,—grey, red, and the chipmunk,—are very numerous in different parts of the town. The birds common to the town are such as are found throughout New England.

The prevailing woods of the township are white pine, a very little hard pine, hemlock, spruce, beech, birch, and maple,—rock, white, and red. The swamps abound with the red

maple, while from the rock or sweet maple quite a large amount of sugar and syrup is manufactured yearly.

The larger, heavier pines and hemlocks have been mostly cut for timber, and, in fact, nearly the whole of the arboreal products of the town are of the second or third growth. It has been a serious question with some whether the forests will supply a sufficient quantity of wood for home consumption. The desire to lay waste the large wood-lots has in a measure abated, and so rapid is the growth of these woods that there need be no fear of a short supply in the years to come.

Chestnut was at one time quite abundant, but the great demand for that species of lumber has caused many of our best forests to disappear. Some valuable ones are left, and others, younger, are growing rapidly to fill the places of those destroyed.

Red and white oak are still to be found in some parts of the town, though the larger part of these woods, of suitable size, have been sent to market, to be placed in ships or used for piling. Birches of all kinds, though small, are quite plenty. White poplar is found to quite an extent in the northerly part of the town. Elms are quite frequently seen, as well as bass-wood and lever-wood. Fir balsams are to be found in some places. The banks of the Contoocook are in many places adorned with the rhododendron or river laurel, with its magnificent clusters of blossoms. A very few walnut-trees are found in the north-east part of the town. Black alders are seen upon the roadsides, and tag-alders line the shores of the ponds, the brooks, and the river, and are found in all low lands. On the plain lands are found little clumps of witch and nut hazel.

The fruits incident to our climate are raised here in large quantities. The apple, the pear, and all small fruits flourish finely, and peaches to some extent. Grapes grow quite extensively, and the vine is seen overhanging many a rock.

A description of the town would be far from complete

without a reference to the beauty of its scenery. From our hills are some fine views to be taken in. From the summit of Craney hill a magnificent view is to be had. Several villages and innumerable farm-houses dot the landscape as far as the eye can reach. In a clear day, the snowy peak of Mt. Washington is to be seen. From the northernmost step of Federal hill the eye takes in one of the finest panoramas of nature that exist in this vicinity. The valley can be seen for miles, through which can be traced the Contoocook in its various windings, the intervalles and the plains, in the summer, clothed with most luxuriant green; while close under the feet, as it were, stands the main village of the town, with its snowy white buildings embowered behind the beautiful maples which adorn the streets. A little to the left can be seen the pretty little village of West Henniker, buried, seemingly, in shade. We append the following, from the pen of the late N. P. Rogers, as *he* saw the town, in October, 1843, who came into town upon the south side of the river, and wended his way upon Federal hill:

“We left the river road on the margin of the Contoocook, and wound our way among the hills, to the hills to the southward of the beautiful village of Henniker. It brought us at length into a valley behind the high ridge that overlooks the village. We ascended to the summit, where stand the comfortable and pleasant dwellings of our true friends, George and Daniel Cogswell. I could hardly imagine to myself a more desirable location. A glorious prospect stretched around them. Off to the south, beyond the deep and narrow valley, rose high wooded hills, their heavy hard wood growth touched gorgeously with the frost pencil of October. North, the village, shining at their feet with its painted dwellings and green fields, a wide upland country swelling beyond it, rising in the distance, and terminating with old Kearsarge, with its bare head among the drifting clouds.”

This place he called the “Henniker highlands.” He passed out of the town in the south-western part, where

he says, "I found some of the boldest inhabited scenery I have ever seen in New Hampshire."

We append the following from the same pen, written from the same standpoint, in the February preceding:

"I sit down, storm blockaded and snowdrift bound, on the Henniker ridge. It is, by the way, a sublime scene that's going on out-doors. There is a winter storm on the hills. A deep February New Hampshire snow has fell, and a White Mountain north-wester been let loose among it, and played fantastic tricks '*in* high heaven' as well as '*before*' it, for we are in the neighborhood of the clouds. There is not a human pathway in sight. The stone walls that bound the brave farmers, and border the daring *high* roads now buried from view, are overtopped, and hidden in the deep snow. The storm whistles, and drives the light snow-drift athwart the polar fields and from the bare foreheads of the hills, that shine in the transient sun-gleam like a glacier. The wind has swept them bare to the old crust. It is a picture of New Hampshire's winter, and a formidable one to any but the hardy energy that inhabits here, and has conquered this region into glorious homes. And no homes like them to the spirits that have the fortune to be born and bred amongst them. How discontented and heart-sick on the lifeless prairie the ill-starred emigrant, who, in an evil hour, quits these uplands for the valleys of the West, where the homesick eye vainly roams around the horizon for a single solacing hill."

The town has become a popular resort for summer tourists, on account of its pleasant location and its varied landscape scenery. None better are to be found anywhere. The sons and the daughters who have gone out from these hills and these valleys, and have made themselves homes in different parts of the world, ever revert with pleasure to the good old town which gave them birth, and love it yet as the dearest spot on earth.

“ Oh! knew he but his happiness, of men
The happiest he! who, far from public rage,
Deep in the vale, with a choice few retired,
Drinks the pure pleasures of the rural life.
Rich in content, in nature's bounty rich
In herbs and fruits: whatever greens the spring
When heaven descends in showers; or bends the bough
When summer reddens and when autumn beams;
Or in the wintry glebe whatever lies
Concealed, and fattens with the richest sap.
Here, too, dwells simple truth; plain innocence;
Unsullied beauty; sound, unbroken youth,
Patient of labor, with a little pleased;
Health ever blooming; unambitious toil;
Calm contemplation, and poetic ease.”

CHAPTER I.

FIRST GRANT OF THIS TOWNSHIP BY THE PROVINCE OF MASSACHUSETTS—JOHN WHITMAN—FIRST SETTLERS—SETTLEMENT OF BOUNDARY DISPUTES.

IN 1690, the colonies in New England and New York, being aroused at the unprovoked atrocities committed upon some of the inhabitants of the frontier towns during the year previous by Indians and their Canadian allies, determined upon a speedy revenge, and united in an effort to invade Canada, and, if possible, to conquer it. With this end in view, two expeditions were sent against that province ;—one, a land expedition, from the New York colonies, was sent against Montreal ; the other, a naval expedition, against Quebec. This latter expedition was furnished wholly by the Massachusetts colony, and consisted of thirty-four vessels and two thousand men, under the command of Sir William Phipps, a native of Pemaquid, now Bristol, Maine. Finding the city strongly fortified, and an attack, with the forces at his command, useless, he returned to Boston, and the expedition was a total failure.

The soldiers in this expedition were paid for their services in paper money, the first ever seen in New England, which soon became so depreciated in value as to become almost worthless. Nearly forty years afterwards, the soldiers of this expedition, then living, petitioned the General Court of the province of Massachusetts for an additional compensation for their services, in grants of land, which petitions were generally granted. Eight townships in New Hamp-

shire, from territory claimed by Massachusetts, were granted these different petitioners. One of the companies in the expedition in 1690 was composed of men from Middlesex and Worcester counties, Massachusetts, and was commanded by Capt. Andrew Gardner. A large number of the men composing Capt. Gardner's company were from Stowe, Marlboro', and Westboro', Mass., and these men, headed by John Whitman, Esq.—at that time one of the most prominent men of Stowe, and a grandson of John Whitman, who was in Weymouth, Mass., before 1638—petitioned the General Court of Massachusetts, in 1728, for a grant of land six miles square. After various delays, for which the most trifling reasons were given, in 1734 the attention of the General Court was again directed to the prayer of these petitioners, and on January 14, 1735, the petition was referred to its appropriate committee, which committee, on the day following, January 15, 1735, reported, through its chairman, Edmund Quincy, as follows :

January 15, 1735. William Dudley, Esq., submitted a report from the Committee on the Petitions for Townships, &c. Ordered a survey of the lands between Merrimac & Connecticut Rivers, from the Northeast Corner of Rumford, on the Merrimac, to the Great Falls, on the Conn., at least 12 miles in breadth, and a committee of 11 was chosen to lay out the land into townships of six miles square, no township to be more than six miles square from East to West, to make report as soon as convenient. That John Whitman, Esq., and others that have not been heretofore admitted Grantees or settlers within the space of seven years last past of, or in, any former, or other Grant of a Township or particular Grant on condition of settling, and that shall appear and give security to the value of Forty Pounds to perform the Conditions that shall be enjoined by this Court, may by the major part of the Committee, be admitted Grantees into one of the said Townships, the Committee to give publick notice of the time and place of their meeting to admit Grantees, which Committee shall be empowered to employ surveyors and chain-men to assist them in surveying and laying out said townships, the Province to be at the charge and be repaid by the Grantees (who may be admitted) the whole charge they shall advance: which Committee we

apprehend are to be directed and impowered to admit sixty settlers in each Township and take their bonds payable to the Committee and their successors in the said trust, to the use of the Province, for the performance of the Conditions of the Grant, viz: That each Grantee build a dwelling House of eighteen feet square and seven feet stud, at the least, on their respective Home Lots, and fence in and break up for ploughing, or clear and stock with english Grass, five acres of Land within three years next after their admittance, and cause their respective Lots to be inhabited, and that the Grantees do within the space of three years from the time of their being admitted, build and finish a Convenient Meeting House for the publick Worship of God and settle a learned Orthodox Minister—and in case any of the Grantees shall fail, or neglect to perform what is enjoined as above, the Committee shall be obliged to put the bonds in suit and take possession of the Lots and Rights that shall become forfeit, and proceed to grant them to other Persons that will appear to fulfil the conditions within one year next after the said last mentioned Grant. And if a sufficient number of Petitioners that have had no Grant within seven years as aforesaid, viz: sixty to each Township, do not appear, others may be admitted, provided they have fulfilled the Conditions of their former Grant, the Committee to take care that there be sixty-three House Lots laid out in as regular, compact and defensible manner as the Land will allow of, one of which Lots shall be for the first settled Minister, one for second Minister, and one for the School, to each of which an equal proportion of Land shall accrue in all future divisions.

Per Order of the Committee.

Edmund Quincy.

This was concurred in in the council the same day,—J. Belcher, governor. The following order was passed the same day:

Ordered, that Joseph Gerrish, Benjamin Prescott, Josiah Willard, Job Almy, Esqs., Mr. Moses Pierson and Capt. Joseph Gold, with such as the honorable Board shall join, be a Committee to all Intents and Purposes, to effect the business projected by the report of the Committee of both Houses to Consider the Petitions for Townships, which passed this Day, viz: on the proposed Line between Merrimac and Connecticut Rivers and on both sides of Connecticut River: and that there be granted and allowed, to be paid out of the publick Treasury after the rate of fifteen Shillings per diem to each one

of the Committee for every day he is in the Service in the Woods, and subsistence : and ten Shillings per diem for every day to each one of the said Committee while in the Service in admitting Settlers into the said Towns and subsistence.

The proposition to oblige the petitioners or grantees to give a bond for fifty pounds was afterwards stricken out, and the commonwealth assumed all expense under that sum.

This committee caused the necessary survey to be made in accordance with the above order, and made their report at the next session of the Provincial Assembly.

The townships thus surveyed were assigned to the several parties petitioning, and this township, known then as No. 6 in the line of townships, was assigned to John Whitman, Esq., and others, of Stowe and Marlborough, as witness the following :

On the petition of John Whitman, Esq., and others, of Stowe and Marlborough &c. praying for Lands, as entered the 2d of December, 1732, and referred, which was read and accepted, and the House came into the Grant of a Township of the contents aforesaid, in some suitable place on the Contoocook River, on the some Conditions of Settlement with the former. Sent up for Concurrence Dec. 13, 1735.

Upon this order the grant was made as above given. Before completing all the necessary arrangements for the settling of this township, the Provincial Assembly adjourned, and it was not until Dec. 4, 1736, that the following order was passed :

December 4, 1736. John Whitman of Stowe, Esq., is hereby allowed and empowered to assemble and convene as soon as may be, the Grantees or Proprietors of N. 6, lying in the Line of Towns between the Rivers Conn. and Merrimac, to choose officers and divide their lands and make return of the same to the Court.

The petitioners met at Concord, Mass., in September, 1737, at which time sixty grantees were admitted. Thus,

after a delay of some ten years after the petition of Mr. Whitman and others was received by the Provincial Assembly, this tardy act of justice was done. These petitioners were well advanced in years when the grant was made, for nearly half a century had passed away since they were soldiers in the ill-fated expedition in which they were engaged. John Whitman was a grandson of John Whitman, of Weymouth, Mass., who was in New England before 1638, and was the ancestor of the Whitman family in America, and settled in Stowe, Mass., over two hundred years ago. He was a prominent man of the town, being a justice of the peace, and was empowered by the General Court of Massachusetts to settle all difficulties arising amongst the settlers about him, particularly those relating to land titles. He died in Stowe shortly after receiving this grant, and was the immediate ancestor of the Whitman family, which has existed in this town for nearly a century.

The grant being located and confirmed, the proprietors had then the sole management. As has been seen, John Whitman was empowered "to assemble and convene as soon as may be" the grantees of this township, to choose all necessary officers, divide their lands, and make return of the same to the General Court; all of which they did, but there is no record of their doings in detail at their several meetings. There is no positive record of any settlement having been made within this township under the grantees' direction: that there were a few settlers within the township is equally as certain, but where they resided is known only by tradition. Mr. Crane, tradition says, with quite a large family, lived near the north shore of the pond on the south side of the hill named for him; that he made quite a clearing, but was obliged to abandon his new-made home in consequence of the Indians. One or more settlers had made a clearing in the south-east part of the town, and one or more in the south-west part, near the few settlers in Hillsborough. Mr. Whitman, with a few of his grantees, came and exam-

ined the township preparatory to settling here, but none of them ever came to settle, and for reasons following :

Ever since the colonists of New Hampshire united in 1641 with Massachusetts, for their better protection, the southern boundary line of this state had been in dispute. Massachusetts claimed "all the lands lying south and west of a line beginning at a point three miles north of the mouth of the Merrimac, thence running west and north at the same distance of three miles from the river, to a point three miles beyond the parallel of the junction of the Winnipiseogee and Pemigewasset, thence due west to the Connecticut, a claim which covered the greater part of what are now the counties of Hillsborough, Merrimac, Sullivan, and Cheshire." Being anxious to secure the property of these lands, Massachusetts was influenced largely to make the hurried grants she did between the years 1730 and 1737. The line of townships, including this one, was the most northern tier then granted. Gov. Belcher said, in his message, May 28, 1736,—

When the committee appointed to survey the Lands for the projected Line of Towns shall present the several plats they have taken, and their reports in that Affair, I hope this Court will give all proper encouragement for a speedy Settlement of these Lands, which will fix such a Barrier for that part of our Frontiers as shall be of great safety to the Province upon any Rupture that may happen with our neighbors.

The dissensions between the colonies became very bitter, New Hampshire endeavoring to resist in all honorable ways the settlement of the townships granted by Massachusetts, until 1737, when, through the personal efforts of John Tomlinson, Esq., a warm friend of the New Hampshire colony, a board of commissioners was appointed by a royal order to settle the contested lines. This board met at Hampton in August, 1737, and the assemblies immediately convened within five miles of them: that of New Hampshire at Hampton Falls, and that of Massachusetts at Salisbury,

Mass. New Hampshire claimed for her southern boundary "a line drawn due west from a point three miles north of the mouth of the Merrimac," and for her eastern, "a line passing up the Piscataqua to the source of the Salmon Falls river, and thence north one or two degrees west." After a protracted hearing, the line remained unsettled. Finally, it being seen that this controversy could only be brought to a close by a royal decision, agents were appointed by both provinces to submit their respective claims to the king. The claim and the "petition of appeal" upon the part of New Hampshire were drawn up and presented by Parris, in which he artfully represented "the poor, little, loyal, distressed Province of New Hampshire" as being in danger of being devoured by "the vast, opulent, overgrown Province of Massachusetts."

In 1740 the king rendered his decision, which was far more favorable to New Hampshire than she had dared anticipate, and established the eastern and southern lines as they now run; and by it New Hampshire gained a territory of fifty miles in length and fourteen in breadth more than she had ever claimed.

The boundary line was run in 1741 by Richard Hazen, and of course this township came within the New Hampshire line. If any attempt had been made by Mr. Whitman and his associates to settle in this township, this action had the effect to discourage all such attempts. The French and Indian War of 1744 followed so closely the settlement of the contested line, that but few settlers ventured into this section of the country, which was then mostly a wilderness.

But now that the boundary question had been settled, new difficulties arose under the question of titles. The old Masonian grant was again revived. This was the original claim of Capt. John Mason, who had granted to him, by the Council of which he was a member during the reign of King James, a large section of land lying largely in New Hampshire.

In 1629 Capt. Mason secured a second patent or title for the land covered by his first patent, and including nearly all the land which was afterwards in dispute between the provinces of New Hampshire and Massachusetts. This patent was neglected for many years after the death of Capt. Mason. Then many attempts were made by his heirs to revive the patent and vindicate their claims. The contest extended through a long series of years, and was finally brought to an end by John Tufton Mason, a native of Boston, and a great-grandson of Capt. John Mason, who successfully prosecuted his claim; and having firmly established his right and title, he in 1746 sold his interest in it to twelve men, residents of Portsmouth and vicinity, who were known and are referred to in this work as the "Masonian proprietors." The purchase was divided into fifteen shares. The owners were,—Theodore Atkinson, three fifteenths; Mark Hunking Wentworth, two fifteenths; Richard Wibird, John Wentworth, John Moffat, Samuel Moore, Jotham Odiorne, George Jaffrey, Joshua Pierce, Nathaniel Meserve, all of Portsmouth; Thomas Wallingford, of Somersworth; and Thomas Parker, of Greenland;—to the last ten, one fifteenth each.

Previous to this sale, John Tomlinson, Esq., had negotiated for the purchase of these lands in behalf of the province of New Hampshire, but the Assembly unwisely delayed to ratify the contract. Mason informed them that if they delayed much longer he should sell his claim to others who stood ready to purchase, and while the Assembly were disputing as to the terms of the purchase, the gentlemen above alluded to took the bargain from out their hands. In some towns, where settlements had been made, either under patents from New Hampshire or Massachusetts, quit-claim deeds were given by these gentlemen, and the settlers remained in peaceful possession. By this time the original proprietors of this township were many of them dead, and others fast becoming old men; and no attempt was made, so far

as can be ascertained, to have their right to this township confirmed, and it passed into other proprietors' hands without any interposition. The population of New Hampshire at this time was about 30,000, it having doubled its population within the last eighteen years prior to 1748, which increase had been greatly stimulated in consequence of the liberality in granting townships of land by both the province of New Hampshire and that of Massachusetts. The tide of emigration from the latter state, and from the southern part of this, began to turn towards the frontier line of towns, some of which contained a few settlers, and others none, some not yet having been granted.

CHAPTER II.

GRANT TO THE DESCENDANTS OF THE FIRST GRANTEES OF THIS TOWNSHIP.

MASSACHUSETTS granted thirty-seven townships in the disputed territory of this state, most of them for military services in the French and Indian wars. By the settlement of the southern boundary line, twenty-eight of these townships were transferred to the jurisdiction of New Hampshire, and within the claim of the Masonian proprietors. Eight townships were granted by Massachusetts for services in the expedition against Quebec in 1690 under Sir William Phipps. Some of these were Bow, Rowley Canada (Rindge), Salem Canada (Lyndeborough), Ipswich Canada (New Ipswich), Todds-town (Henniker), Beverly Canada (Dunbarton), Bakerstown (Salisbury).

After the adjustment of the boundaries between New Hampshire and Massachusetts, some of the grantees, whose titles to townships had been vitiated by the cession of lands in this state back to the state, petitioned the General Court of Massachusetts for townships within its own jurisdiction. Among those who made application were the heirs and assigns of the first grantees of this township. Under date of February 26, 1774, they petitioned the General Court of Massachusetts as follows :

Province of the Massachusetts Bay.
To his Excellency, Thomas Hutchinson, Captain General and
Commander in Chief in and over this Province, To the Hon-
orable His Majesty's Council and to the Honorable House

of Representatives in General Court aforesaid Assembled, Feb. 26th, 1774 :

The petitions of the subscribers in behalf of ourselves and others, grantees of the township No. 6, in the line of towns, humbly showeth that the great and general Court of this Province at their session 1735, granted a township of the contents of six miles square, being No. 6, in the lines of towns between the Connecticut and Merrimack Rivers ; that the grantees were at considerable expense in clearing its roads, building mills &c. in said township ; that by the late running of the line between this government and the government of New Hampshire, the said township was taken into the government of New Hampshire, and your petitioners and their associates have lost their interest therein, together with the money expended for bringing forward the settlement of said township. Your petitioners humbly request that your Excellency and honors, would in your known wisdom and practice, grant petitioners and other grantees and proprietors of No. 6, in lieu thereof, a township in some of the unappropriated lands in the eastward part of the Province, or otherwise relieve your petitioners as your excellency and your honors in your wisdom shall think proper, and your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray.

John Gardner,
Stephen Maynard,
Seth Rice.

To this petition the following answer was given :

Feby 26th 1774.

On the petition of John Gardner and others, in behalf of themselves and the proprietors of a township of the contents of six miles square, granted to John Whitman and others, called No. 6, in the line of towns between the Connecticut and Merrimack rivers, Whereas, It appears that the proprietors of said township expended much money and labor in making roads and other ways bringing forward the settlement of said township, and that the whole of said township fell within the limits of said government of New Hampshire, for which the Grantees have received no Consideration from the State of New Hampshire, Therefore, resolved : That in lieu thereof there be granted to the proprietors and legal representatives or assigns of the original grantees, who were sufferers by losing their lands, a township seven miles square in the unappropriated lands belonging to this Province, Provided : that the grantees settle thirty families in said township within six years, and lay out one sixty-fourth part for the use of the first settled Minister, and

one sixty-fourth part for the Grammar School, and one sixty-fourth part for Harvard College; Provided also, that said township be laid out adjoining to some former grant in that part of the unappropriated lands lying east of the Saco river, and Col. Whitcomb and Col. Gardner of Cambridge, with such as the honorable board, the Council, may join, be a committee to determine who are to be admitted as proprietors of said township; and if any of the grantees of said township No. 6 shall appear to have been compensated, that said committee shall admit other sufferers in their stead, the expenses of said Committee to be paid by said grantees; Provided, also, that said proprietors return a plan taken by a surveyor and chainman, under oath, into the Secretary of State's office within one year for confirmation. In Council read and concurred in, and Artemas Ward is joined.

In the month of May following, a plan was forwarded with this statement:

A plan of the township of the contents of seven miles square granted by the General Assembly of the State of Massachusetts Bay to the Rev. John Gardner, in lieu of a township granted to John Whitman and others that fell within the limits of New Hampshire on running the lines between the state aforesaid and the state of New Hampshire, with an allowance of one rod in thirty for swag of chain, with an allowance of 2,500 acres for ponds; said plan was taken by a surveyor and two chainmen, on oath, and returned into the Secretary's office in May, 1774.

This township is now known as Waterford in Maine.

From the above it appears that efforts *were* made by the first grantees to settle the town. The roads referred to were "paths" through the forest, leading from one township to the other. It is morally certain that such a "path" was cleared, leading from one side of the township to the other, and that the first road laid out under the Masonian grant followed substantially this path from Hopkinton to Hillsborough, upon the south side of the river. It is also certain that attempts were made to erect a saw-mill, taking the water from what is now known as Long pond, before the foundation of one was laid by the Masonian grantees, of which

mention will be made hereafter; but there is no evidence that a saw-mill was put in operation, or that many families settled here, under the grantees of 1735, though their footprints to secure a foothold here under that grant were plainly visible when the township was re-granted by the Masonian proprietors.

CHAPTER III.

THE MASONIAN GRANT CHARTER AND ACTION OF PROPRIETORS—DIARY OF MR. PATTEN—NAME GIVEN TO THE TOWN NOV. 29, 1748.

Nov^r 29, 1748.

AT a meeting at Joseph Scobeys of Several of the Inhabitan-
ce of Londonderry and Cap^t Todd was chosen Mod-
erator, Cap^t Sam^l Barr was Chosen treasurer and
Robert Cochran was Chosen Clerk.

Votid that Cap^t Todd & Cap^t Barr Shall Go to Portsmouth
and Do their Best to Procure a township.

2^{ly} Votid that Leu^t John Humphra John Duncan and Joseph
Willson be a Committee to Call the treasurer to an account
which way he expended the money Collected by him.

Then the treasurer Rec^d the following Sums from the Men
hereafter named.

| | s. | | s. |
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| John MacMurphy Esq. | 10 | Joseph Stewart | 10 |
| Cap ^t And ^w Todd | pd. 10 | Black James Willson | pd. 10 |
| Cap ^t Sam ^l Barr | pd. 10 | George Addison | pd. 10 |
| S. Willson for himself & Son | P. 10 | James Addison | pd. 10 |
| James Todd | pd. 10 | George Robertson | pd. 10 |
| Sam ^l Todd | pd. 10 | James Robertson | pd. 10 |
| Alex ^r McCollom | pd. 10 | Nat ^l Hoalms | pd. 10 |
| Joseph Willson | pd. 10 | John Scobey | pd. 10 |
| John Hillands | 10 | John Pinkerton | pd. 10 |
| Henry Erwin | 10 | John Duncan | pd. 10 |
| William Forrest | pd. 10 | Matt ^w Taylor Sen ^r | pd. 10 |
| Rob ^t Parkison | pd. 10 | Tho ^s Davidson Sen ^r | pd. 10 |
| Sam ^l Allison jun ^r | pd. 10 | W ^m Duncan | pd. 10 |
| Rob ^t Wicar | pd. 10 | Geo: Duncan | pd. 10 |
| Joseph Hammel | pd. 10 | Joseph Bell | pd. 10 |
| John Robie | pd. 10 | James Cochran | pd. 10 |
| Tho ^s Cochran | pd. 10 | John Archibald | pd. 10 |
| W ^m Nickels | pd. 10 | James Willson, South | pd. 10 |
| Ja ^s Thomson | pd. 10 | Leu ^t John Humphra | pd. 10 |

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| James Humphra | pd. | s. 10 | James Rodgers | pd. | s. 10 |
| Tho ^s Boyes | pd. | 10 | Eli Boyd | pd. | 10 |
| Natt ^l Hoalms jr | pd. | 10 | James Petterson | pd. | 10 |
| W ^m Ayers | pd. | 10 | Henry Parkison | pd. | 10 |
| Rob ^t Cochran | pd. | 10 | W ^m Gault | pd. | 10 |
| W ^m Marten | pd. | 10 | James Wallace | pd. | 10 |
| David Scobey | pd. | 10 | Rob ^t Fairservice | pd. | 10 |
| Cap ^t Todd for David Aiken | | | James Ewins | pd. | 10 |
| | pd. | 10 | | | |
| Henry Dyer | pd. | 10 | Will ^m Rodgers, Sen ^r | pd. | 10 |
| J. Gregg for Tho ^s McCleury | | | Hugh Mountgomry | | 10 |
| | pd. | 10 | Rob ^t Rodgers | pd. | 10 |
| Rob ^t Riddal | pd. | 10 | Ja ^s Alexander, Blacksmith | pd. | 10 |

Paid Scobeys by order of the Comitty for a wakening out of the money Collected 3*d.* 9*s.*

There is no record of any further action until 1752. A petition was then circulated asking for a grant of land somewhere in the province of New Hampshire. A meeting was called to take action upon the petition.

At a Meeting held at Sam^l Perkins App^t 6 1752, Voted Cap^t And^w Todd Moderator for sd Meeting. Voted to prosecute the Afores^d Petition. Voted that their Shall be five men Chosen as a Committee to Prosecute said Petition and the Committee Chosen for said end is John McMurphy Esq^r Cap^t And^w Todd Cap^t Sam^l Barr, Rob^t Cochran & James Willson. Voted that the Committee to call the treasurer to account Shall Continue to the next Meeting. 6ly. Voted to take in the Number of Eighty or Ninety or one hundred proprietors if they appear now. 7ly. Voted that when the Comitee hath made application to Said Masons proprietors for said township that then they Shall Notifie the petitioner two Sabbath Days Successively at the two meeting houses in Londonderry and then the Committee shall Call the petitioners together to hear there Report and the Petitioners that Doth not appear will be Lookt upon as Dropping the whole affair.

The following names were then added to the petitioners :

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| Newell Hammell | pd. | s. 10 | John Loggan | pd. | P. s. 10 |
| Rob ^t Livingston | pd. | 10 | App. ¹³ John Mack | pd. | 1 |
| Rob ^t McCurdy | pd. | 10 | David Hopkin | pd. | 10 |
| Isaac Breuster | pd. | 10 | Sam ^l Moore | pd. | 10 |

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| W ^m Hoalms | pd. | 10 | John McMurphy jr. | pd. | 10 |
| Alex ^r McCollom, jr. | pd. | 10 | Ja ^s Wallace Sen ^r | pd. | 10 |
| Matthew Pinkerton | pd. | 10 | Joseph Boyes | pd. | 10 |
| John McCollom | pd. | 10 | James Smith | pd. | 10 |
| Nath ^l Aiken & two of his sons | p. | | App ^r 13, Cap ^t Barr paid of a waken- ing at Blairs | 12 | Shillings. |
| | pd. | 1 | 10 | | |

By the awakening was meant that all persons were treated to a good drink of brandy or rum. No sort of a gathering was held in those times but what the punch-bowl or the brandy-flask was passed around. Rum was the principal spirit used, and the houses were scarce upon whose "dressers" it was not to be found, generally in tall, square, black bottles holding from one to two quarts.

In May of the same year, 1752, we find the following :

The petitioners met May 13th, 1752, and Chosen for Moderator Cap^t Todd.

1 Voted that they will prosecute for a township.

2ly Voted that a Committee Shall Go and Vewe Both places talked of for a township. [There is no record where the other place was.]

3ly Voted that three men shall be Chosen of a Committee to go and vewe said Land.

4ly Voted for Said Committee to go and vewe the Land Robert Cochran, James Willson, & Alex^r McCollom and their wages is to be 1*p.* 10*s.* a day each of them and they are to hire a Pilot at the Companys expense where it is needful.

5ly Voted that each person of this Comunity is to pay twenty shillings to the treasurer Cap^t Barr now or at farthest by the Sixteenth Day of this Instant and those that Dont pay said twenty Shillings by s^d time it will be Lookt on that they forfeit their Right and their ten Shillings formerly paid except they Decide that they Drop to night and then they are to have Their ten Shillings.

Cap^t Todd Drops three Rights viz : Henry Ewins, and W^m forrests and Jacob Sargent.

Rob^t Cochran Drops two Rights viz : Anthony Dyer & W^m Martens.

Nathaniell Aikin Drops his Right that he paid for. Geo : Addison Drops his Bro^r James Right and Saves his ten Shillings in his Twenty to be paid to night.

Nath^l Hoalms Drops his Right and Esq^r McMurphy puts in John Calwell in his Room. Geo : Robertson Drops one of his

Rights and ten Shillings. Robert Parkison Drops one of his Rights. Dr. John Mack Drops his Right and Cap^t Barr paid him his ten Shillings. Will^m Duncan Drops his Right and Alex^r McMurphy entered in his room, and Esq^r Barr paid Said Duncan his ten Shillings. Then the Committee chosen to settle with the treasurer are continued and they are to bring in an account by Next Meeting at Will^m Blairs June 29th. Then George Addison sold his Right to Daniell Leslie.

These are to Notifie all those persons that Joyned with Cap^t Todd and Cap^t Barr in Petitioning for a township of Land and that Did Comply with our Last Vote at a meeting held at M^r Sam^l Rankins the 13 Day of May Last in Regard to Paying twenty shillings to our treasurer by a Certain Day Set for them in Said Vote. That they meet at the house of William Blair of this town on Monday the twenty Ninth Day of this Instant June, at five of the Clock afternoon to hear the Committees Report of the Land that hath been out to vewe the Same and to Consider what is now best to be Done farther: this by Order of the Com^{tee} Rob^t Cochran.

Londonderry Dated June 27 1752.

At a meeting held at Will^m Blairs the 29th Day June 1752, And Voted for Moderator John McMurphy Esq^r.

1 Voted that we Require the Rev. William Davidson to be one of our Petitioners and Tho^s Gregg Rob^t McCurdy Eliz^t Boyd James Thompson and Alex^r Craige in the Room of William Galt and that makes up the Complement of 57.

2ly Voted that there Shall not be any more added into this Community.

The Report of the Comitee being Read about the Land,

3ly Voted that they Choose a Com^{tee} to prosecute the affair as soon as possible.

Voted that there shall be two men Chosen for a Committee to Go to Portsmouth to try for a Charter and they are John McMurphy and Cap^t Andrew Todd.

A meeting was held at W^m Blairs July 13th 1752 and Voted for Moderator Cap^t And^w Todd. Voted that every Petitioner or a man for him Shall have three acres of Land Cleared fit for Planting or moing and a house of Eighteen feet Long & Sixteen feet wide and made tenantable and be on the Spot in three years and nine months after they Receive their Charter.

2ly Voted that no proprietor shall have Liberty to Dispose of his Share By a total Conveyance But to a Man to the Exceptance of the Community.

3ly Voted that it shall be entered into the Charter that every Proprietor Shall be obliged to pay his proportion for the sup-

port of preaching by an Orthodox Minister in one year after the time of settlement is accomplished and all other charges.

4ly Voted that two men shall Go to Portsmouth and try to Get a Charter and the men made Choice of for that end is Robert Cochran & James Wallace.

This Committee immediately proceeded to Portsmouth, and succeeded in obtaining, on the 16th day of July, 1752, the following grant of land called No. Six :

PROPRIETORS' GRANT.

At a meeting held at the house of Ann Slayton in Portsmouth, on Thursday, July 16, 1752, the petitioners were granted the following :

Province of New Hampshire.

At a Meeting of the Proprietors of the Lands Purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqr In the Province of New Hampshire held at Portsmouth in said Province on the Sixteenth Day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred fifty two. Voted that thar be & hearby is Granted unto John Macmurphey Esq. Andrew Todd Gent Samuel Barr Gent the Revre William Davidson Clark Robert Cochran Gent Robert Liviston Blacksmith Robert Wallace yeoman Nathaniel Aiken yeoman John Mack Blacksmith John MacMurphey Junr John Pinkerton Matthew Pinkerton Daniel Lesly James Willson the third James Ewiens yeomen John Reside weaver John Scobey Joseph Bell John Caldwell William Ayers tanner John Loggan Clothar John Loggan Junr weaver James Smith John Duncan yeomen Isaac Brastor weaver John McCollom Alexander McCollom Alexander MacMurphey James Wallace John Clarke Georg Duncan David Archibald William Mack Junr John Stuart Thomas Boys James humphrey Rob^t Fairsenes Samuel Allison junr James Willson of the South James Peterson yeomen Robert Wear Leather Breeches Maker Alexander McCollom junr James Willson Junr Robert Willson Alexander Willson Thomas Gregg Robert McCordey yeoman Hugh Willson Gent Alexander Craig James Todd Samuel Todd William Ayers Junr yeomen all of Londonderry In Said Province George Robertson of Chester in said Province William holms of Bedford in said Province yeoman and William Peters of a Place called hopkintown in said Province.

In Equall Shares on the terms Conditions & Limitions hereafter Expressed all the Right title Claim Inheritance Estate

Demand of the said Proprietors to that Tract of Land within the Province aforesaid Containing Six Miles Square by Estimation or Equall their to Bounded as follows viz: Begining at the North East Cornor (nearest) of new hopkintown So Called thence on a Strait Line to the North East Cornor of Hilsborough So Called Being by Estimation Six Miles then by said Hilsborough Line to the South East Corner thereof Being Suposed to be Six Miles then on a Strait line to the South West Cornor of Said New hopkintown then by that to the Corner where it begins all the Said Lines being suposed to be Six Miles each to have and to hold the Said Granted Primeses to them their heirs and assigns in Equal Shares on the folowing terms Conditions & Limitations that is to Say that the whole Tract of Land above Described be Divided into Eightey Rights or Equal Shares and Each Share into three Lots which are to be so Sorted & Joined as to make the Shairs as Equall as Possibal Both for Quality and quantitey that Land be Left Between the Lots for Convenent highways that the Whole be Surveyed and so Devided and Laid out into Lots Reanged & numbered and an Exact Plan ther of Made and Returned to the Grantors within Six months from the Deat hearof and upon the Return of Said Plan the lots to be Drawn for in the Customary maner in such Cases at Portsmouth aforesaid under the Derection of the Grantors with this Excepsn—that one Lote belonging to one of the said Reserved Shares shall Contain a stream and shutebl Place for Setting a Mill and be laid out and not Drawn for to be hereafter Disposed of as the Grantors Pleas That Nineteen of the Said Shares be and hearby are Reserved to the Grantors their hairs and Assigns that one of the Said Shairs be for the first minister of the Gospel who shall be Regularly Settled on the Said tract of Land and Continue there During his life or untill he be Regularly Dismised to hold to his heirs and Assigns that one other of Said Shares be for the use of the Ministry there for ever and one other of Said Shares for the use & Mentanance of a School after the Said tract of Land Shall be settled to be kept there forever that one of the lots of the Share for the use of the Ministrey be laid out in the Most Convenent Place for Building a Meeting hous Without Drawing for it and the Miting hous to be built thereon and Round about the Meeting hous or near to it (as will be best having Regard to the Place and quality of the Land) there shall be Left ten acres of the Said lot as a Common field for training a Buring Place and any other Publick use that Eighteen of Said Shares be Exempted and Wholly Exonerated of and from all Charges Cost & Expence in Making the Settlement and whatever charges may arise for the Suport of the Gospel or otherways by any ways or means whatsoever un-

til the Same or Some part of Each Respective Share Shall be Improved by the owner thereof that the owners of the other Fifty Nine Shares make settlement upon the said Tract of Land In Maner following viz: that there be one acre of Land Clard fit for tillig or mowing on one of the lots Belonging to Each of Said Shares within one year from the time of Drawing the said Lots so Cleared and fited within one year after that and an hous bult on the Same fit for a family to Dwell in not less than Sixteen feet Square or Equall to that Demension that in one yeare after that one acre more on Each of the Said Lots be so Clared and fited and In one year after that there be a family Living in each of the Said houses that is a family on a Lote belonging to Each of Said Shairs that a Meeting hous be Built there fit for the Publick worship within one yeare After that. That there be Constant Preaching Mentained theire within Six years from this time That each owner of the said Fiftey nine Shares do Duly pay All such Sume & Sums of Money as Shall be at aney time Voted and agreed by the Major part of the said owners to be Raised on Each Shaire to such Person or Persons as they Shall order to Carey on the Said Setellment and Shall Do and Perform his Respective Part and Dutey toward Making the same in maner aforesaid and in Default of so Dowing his Right and Shaire who Shall be Delinquent therein shall be and hearby is Declaired to be forfeited to the other owners of Said Shairs who Shall have duly Doun and Performed there Respective Parts and Duley Concerning the same in Maner aforesaid and the said Owners in order to Carey on and Perfict the said Settlement may from time to time as a Occasion Shall Require Make choice of a Clark a Resever of the Money to be Raised as aforesaid and any other Persons to aney office dutiy and trust Necessary for the Purpose aforesaid and when Aney of the Said Shares Shall be so forfeited for Neglect & omission as aforesaid the Said owners to whom the same shall be forfeited May Proceed to Enter upon and Dispose of Such forfeited Share as they or the Major part of them Shall agree. That all the White Pine trees fit for his Majistes use & Service for Masts are hearby Reserved and Granted to his Majesty his Heirs & Successors for ever—and in Case the Owners of the said fiftey nine Shares Shall fail of Making the Said Settlement of the said Number of familes Within the tearm Granted for that Purpos and having The houses Bult and Land Cleared by that time as above mentioned then the Said tract of Land with what ever Shall be on there on Short of the Compliting the Said Settlement Shall be forfeited to the Grantors their Heirs & assigns and it Shall and May be Lafull for them or aney Person or Persons in there Name by their order into & upon the Whole or aney part There-

of In the Name of the Whole to Reenter and Take full Seizin thereof as tho this Grant had Never been made that in Case the said Granted Premises Shall be Recovered from the Grantees or aney Part thereof by any ways or means Whatsoever the Grantees Shall Recover Nothing over against the Grantors for any Improvements or Labour by them or any of them don or that Shall be Don thereon But the Grantors hearby Promis and Ingage upon being Properly Notified to take upon them Selvs the defense of aney action that Shall be brought for the Recovery of the said Premises and aney Pairt Theirotf by any other title than that under Which they held or from which theirs is Derived against the Grantees or aney of them.

That In Case an Indian War Shall happen before the Expiration of aney of the said terms Limeted for Doing Aney of the Said Matters and things aforesaid the like term of time Shall be allowed after that Impediment Shall be Removed.

Lastly the Grantees Shall as soon as may be Don with Convenience hold a Regular Meeting and pass a Vote In Writing that they agree assent and Consent to Accept of this Grant to hold the Premises on the Terms hearin Expressed and to Ratify and Confirm this agreement and Ingagement on their Parts and Behalf Acordingly and Transmit an attested Copey thereof to the Grantors.

Copey of Record Examined and Attested per Geo Jaffrey Prop^r Clerk.

Recorded and Examined feberaary the 7th 1754.

Pr Robert Wallace

Grantees Clerk.

This Committee came back to Londonderry and immediately called a meeting of the petitioners, which was held July 20, 1752, reading as follows :

At a legal meeting Legally named and held by the Grantees of No. 6, the 20th day of July 1752,

1. Voted for Moderator Cap^t And^w Todd.

2ly Voted that the Grantees Do Accept off and Consent to Receive their Charter on the tearms prescribed and set forth in the Charter.

3ly Voted for Clerk Rob^t Cochran.

4ly Voted that Cap^t Barr be treasurer this year and he is to be allowed Reasonable wages for his trouble.

5ly Voted for Counters John Duncan John Mack and Robert Wallace.

6ly Voted that their shall be a Com^{tee} now Chosen to Lay out the town and their wages is to be 1*l*. 10*s*. old tenor p^r Day each of them while they are Gone they fitting and finding themselves. their is to be five men in the Com^{tee} Beside a survior and the Com^{tee} must agree with the survior and they are to have Liberty to hire a hand some Days if needfull the Com^{tee} Chosen to cary on Said affair is Cap^t And^w Todd Cap^t Sam^l Barr David Archibald James Willson & Sam^l Todd.

7ly Voted that this Com^{tee} is Impowered that in case that any of them (viz :) the Com^{tee} shall be taken sick or lame, that then the Com^{tee} shall hire hands to finish the Bussiness before they Come home.

8ly Voted that each Grantee Shall pay five pounds old tenor in the following manner viz: two pounds ten shillings by the last of August next & two pounds ten shillings more by the Last of September next.

9ly Voted for a Comitee to call or warn town meetings Robert Cochran.

The committee chosen to survey the town employed Mr. Daniel Leslie of Londonderry and Matthew Patten of Bedford (see diary) surveyors, and came up to No. Six. They expected to have accomplished their task during the remainder of the summer and the fall, but they encountered so many ponds and streams of water, and met with so many obstructions, that when the time expired in which the survey was to be made, the task was only partially accomplished.

ORIGINAL SURVEY OF THE TOWN INTO HALF MILE RANGES AND LOTS, BY MATTHEW PATTEN, OF THE TOWN OF BEDFORD, AS RECORDED BY HIMSELF. FOUND AMONG HIS PAPERS.

A day-Book of my Travels into N^o Six along with Capt Andrew Tood Capt Samuel Barr M^r James Willson M^r Archibald & Alex^r Tood Comitee in Order to Survey the Same into Loitts.

Sett Out on our Journey September 20 by act of Parliment 1752 [the style had been changed 6 days previous] and arived at M^r Archibald Starks and Lodged there that night Marched next day to hopkintown and Lodged at M^r Samuel Pudneys thence next day with Lieu^t Chandler to Set out to the South east Corner of s^d N^o 6 and Could not make out a line any way from the Corner and after Some Considerable Tryal Camped

Next Day Set out from the Corner in order to Run to the Northeast Corner and Run Six Mile and 90 Rods to the North-erly line and Camped at Six Miles and Over Sabbath day.

Monday Set out on the Northerly line of N^o 6 and after Run-ning 262 Rods S 84 Deg^{rs} W came to the Northeast Corner Be-ing a white Oak thence Still the Same point five Miles and a half and ten Rods to the Northwest Corner being a Beach tree thence South 15 Degrees East 140 Rods and Camped then on tuesday set out and Measured three miles and 180 Rods to Contookook River Being four miles from the Northwest Cor-ner in all to the River having a Rainy Night Before and a great Shower about one of the Clock and Between two and three another Great Shower accompanayd with thunder and was Obliged to Camp at M^r John Maclaughlins house Just in N^o 7 line [Hillsborough] Wednesday Set out on the former line one mile and 266 Rods to the S. W. Corner of N^o Six Being a Beach tree and heap of stones Then we traveled to the South East Corner without measuring then Set out & Run by point of Compass N B W in order to Strik the Old Corner of N^o Six and hopkintown Being the N. E. Corner of N^o 6 and the N.W. Corner of hopkintown and Camped about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from Con-tookook River and had no water all night thursday Run out to the North line and fell thirty six Rods to the East of the Cor-ner and Measured one half Mile Distace for the first Rang and allowed 4 Rods on the South Side for a highway the Cor-ner being a Maple tree Marked one on the North Side and 2 on the South Side. Friday Run across the town S 84 W to N^o 7 to a Stake and heap of Stones Marked as the former Maple tree about $\frac{1}{4}$ Mile Before we Came to the line. Our packmen went forward to find the line and Over shot it and went out of Call and were obliged to Camp without Vittles that night. Saterdag Morning our packmen Came Back by Calling and measured another half mile But allowed No high way in that Rang to a Beach tree and heap of Stones numbered 2 on the north side and three on the south side, then N 84 E Run till about twelve oclock at which time it Began to Rain and Rained till about an hour Before Day Next Morning very hard and I Run by the Com^{tees} Order till night and was Exceedingly wett and Could Not by any Means Gett fire and was Obliged to Stand in our Blankets without Sleep as wett as water Could make us till Morning. Sabbath day traveled into hopkintown. Monday went to Rumford and Got a new Glass for my Com- pass and Came as far as Eastmans at the Mill and Lodged there. Tuesday fitted my Compass with a new Glass and Marched to N^o 6. Wednesday went and fetched the Line I Left on Saterdag to the East line and fell 7 Rods too narrow. the Reason I Suppose was the wett on Saterdag Getting into

the Compass that it would not traviss true, alowed the 7 Rods in Our Next Rang and Set up a Stake Numbered two and three measured our Next Rang to a Black Oak tree Numbered 3 & 4 and Run about two miles and Run across three ponds. Thursday Run to the west side of the town to a Beach tree & heap of Stones N^o 3 & 4, Measured our Next Rang the Corner Being a Spruce tree and heap of Stones N^o 4 & 5 and Run about a Mile and half and Camped. Friday Run to the East line the Corner Being a Maple, Measured our fifth Rang and alowed a highway on the South side of the Rang & Run into a pond. Made the Corner on the West Side it Being a white pine and Camped Saterdag Run within about half a mile of the west line and Camped there till Tuesday Morning by Reason of foul Weather and then Run to the town line and made a Corner Being a Red Oak and heap of Stones measured our next Rang and alowed a Road Six Rods wide and made a Corner of a Beach tree and heap of Stones and Run about two mile & Struck the River and made a Raght and Run on the South Side and Struck the River again about Dark and fell two trees and Got Over the River and Camped about nine or ten o'clock at night. Wednesday Run to the East line and was Obliged to ofset to the North 80 Rods to get clear of the River in our way and Camped and had to Streach our Blanketts.

Made our Corner Being a Black ash Tree and measured our Distance the Corner being a White Oak. Thursday Run toward the west line and Run about 100 Rods and Crossed a pond it was Bearing Southeasterly and Northwesterly in about a mile Struck the River. Made a Raght and Crossed. Run til night and came to the River. Camped that Night. Friday Crossed the River and Run about a mile to the line and made a Corner of a hemlock and heap of stones, then measured our Next half mile and a Road of four Rods wide, and made a Corner of a white pine and stones, then Run about a mile and Crossed the River and Run about a hundred Rods and Camped. it Rained a Considerable shower. Saterdag Run toward the East line and Came to the River about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a Mile Before we Came to the line and was Obliged to Off Sett 86 Rods and Run through the Bend of the River and Run within about 60 Rods and Run to the North Side of the River about 12 Rods onto the Land: all the Land on that side of the River is yet to Run.

Run Back our Off Sett and made our Corner of a small Beach then measured our next Rang and made our Corner of a large Beach tree by Dry Camp.

Returned about $\frac{1}{4}$ Mile and Camped over Sabath day. Monday Marched pretty early in the Morning and on Tuesday Morning arived at the west Line and made a Corner of a small hemlock measured our Distance and Made a Corner of a Beach

tree and heap of Stones, and allowed a highway of four rods wide. Run Off our Course to the East Line and on Wednesday in the forenoon made a Corner Being a Stake and heap of Stones: measured our Distance and Made a Corner of a heap of Stones and Numbered a Black Burch about 7 feet to the west and hemlock about 6 feet to the north. Run our Distance to the West line and made a Corner Being a Stake & heap of Stones Measured to the S. W. Corner and followed the old line to old hailstown N. West Corner and found no line any farther than Run N. 84 E till we Came Near to as we Supposed the N. E. Corner left our line and searched and found the Corner. Lieu^t Chandler showed us, then went and Run to it which is N. 7 E 30 Rods then N. B west 40 Rods then N. 86 E 7 Rods to the Old Original Corner of N^o 6 Being a white Burch tree.

Expenses paid on our Journey.
N^o 6.

| | £ | s. | p. |
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| Capt Tood paid at Cap Emersins | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| At Osgoods— | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Capt Barr at Capt Fosters | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| At Osgoods— | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| M ^r David Archibald | | | |
| At Osgoods— | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| M ^r James Willson— | | | |
| At Osgoods— | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Cap ^t Tood purchased 11¼ of Cheese at 4s. | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| one third was mine to pay and paid him my part at Osgoods | | | |
| ten Shillings I answered in the house and five Shillings I paid | | | |
| in Cash to himself. I purchased at M ^r Grays | | | |
| 3¾ lb. Cheese at 3-6 | 0 | 13 | 8 |
| Paid to Meal for Bread, | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| to 10½ lb. Pork at 4s. | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| to 2 lb. Pork from Capt Barr. | | | |

Of the committee upon this survey Andrew Todd was captain of a scouting party ordered out July 14, 1746, for the assistance of the garrison at Canterbury. James Wilson was one of his men. Andrew Todd was also a captain in Col. John Hart's regiment in Abercrombie's expedition against Crown Point and Ticonderoga in 1758.

Alexander Todd and James Wilson were soldiers in Col. Peter Gilman's regiment, which marched to Fort Edward in

the fall of 1755. Alexander Todd was also a lieutenant in Capt. Moore's company in Gen. Johnson's expedition against Crown Point, in 1755.

The proprietors at Londonderry held another meeting, under the following warrant :

Province of }
New Hampshire } These are to notifie and warn all the Grantees of No. 6 that they assemble and meet on Munday next it being the nineteenth Day of this Instant—October—According to old style at three of the Clock afternoon Percisely at the house of W^m Blair Inholder in this town. In order to hear what the Comitee hath to say about the Laying out the Remainder of the town or to act as may be thought best for the benefit of the Settlement. By Order, Rob^t Cochran.

Londondery Oct^r ye 19th 1752 O : S :

At a legall meeting held by the Grantees of No. 6, at the house of W^m Blair Oct^r 19th Day 1752 O : S :

Voted for moderator of said meeting Cap^t And^w Todd.

2ly. To hear how farr the Com^{tee} hath proceeded in Laying out of the town that was Chosen for that end and they Inform us that they have Run the lines of the town Round and Laid out the town into halfe mile Ranges, and they (viz) the Com^{tee} Desires that application may be made to the Lord Proprietors for Some Longer time to Lay out said town By Reason of the Deficulty of season and place to be Laid out and it is voted that John McMurphy Esq & Cap^t And^w Todd be a Com^{tee} and the said McMurphy & And^w Todd make a Speedy Report to the Com^{tee} that they may Proceed or it will be much to the Damage of the affair in Regard to Qualifying the Lots.

At a meeting of the Masonian proprietors, held in Portsmouth Nov. 2, 1752, the petitioners were given until July 16, 1752, to conclude the survey.

A meeting was held Jan. 9th, 1753, at which the proprietors voted to have two committees and surveyors, to finish laying out the town as soon as possible. By a vote of this meeting, the survey was to be completed by the 16th of July, 1753, or no more money was to be expended.

At this meeting it was voted "that the comitee is to provide a Canow to Suply them in Crossing the River and Laying out the Land at the Common."

The survey was completed before the time specified, and made a report of their action, when a meeting of the proprietors was held at Londonderry, June 28, 1753, and they "voted to choose a Committee to Qualify the Lotts of said tract of land in order to Prepare them for Drawing that Each Grantee may know his own."

Also voted "to choose a Committee to go to Portsmouth With the Plan of Said tract of Land after the Lots is qualified in order that the same may be Drawn."

Capt. Barr, Capt. Todd, and Robert Wallace were chosen the committee to qualify the lots, also Daniel Lesly, the surveyor. Robert Wallace was chosen clerk. Capt. Todd, Robert Wallace, and Capt. Blair were appointed a committee to go to Portsmouth to see the lots drawn, and were allowed "twenty Shillings old tenor per day, and thirty Shillings for horse hire." A good many restrictions were placed upon the drawing and having a right to the lots. No one was to be allowed to have any lot until all arrearages for expenses incurred in surveying the lots, qualifying the same, and drawing the same, should be paid. Also, every man had to obligate himself that he would faithfully pay all moneys that might be raised on his right or lot.

The committee went to Portsmouth, and drew the lots as entered below, on July 11, 1753.

An account of what Loots Evrey man Drewe In Number Six with their numbers and Reanges.

| | R | N | R | N | R | N |
|--------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| the Ministree, | 7 | 10 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 13 |
| the Saw Mill lote, | 4 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 12 | 7 |
| 64. Robert MCordey, | 9 | 13 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| 65. William Aers, Juner, | 8 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 |
| 70. James Todd, | 10 | 3 | 4 | 16 | 5 | 16 |
| 52. James Peterson, | 6 | 15 | 5 | 15 | 13 | 11 |
| Thomas wallensford Juner, | 5 | 10 | 11 | 18 | 2 | 11 |
| John wintworth Esq. | 5 | 1 | 8 | 14 | 1 | 9 |
| 50. Gorg Duncan, | 1 | 15 | 9 | 19 | 2 | 19 |
| 51. Thomas Gregg, | 6 | 11 | 12 | 18 | 1 | 16 |
| 37. John Stuert, | 10 | 7 | 7 | 3 | 8 | 16 |
| the first Ministers Lote, | 7 | 12 | 3 | 10 | 2 | 16 |
| 58. Samuel Elison Jun ^r , | 5 | 7 | 12 | 12 | 8 | 11 |

| | R | N | R | N | R | N |
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| 36. John Scobey, | 12 | 15 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 18 |
| 34. James Willson, | 4 | 3 | 9 | 16 | 1 | 7 |
| 78. James Humphra, | 6 | 4 | 11 | 16 | 13 | 10 |
| 42. Robert Wier, Lether briches maker, | 7 | 19 | 13 | 1 | 6 | 8 |
| 67. Robert Rodgers, | 9 | 5 | 8 | 18 | 12 | 19 |
| 53. John McCollom, | 4 | 12 | 9 | 18 | 12 | 19 |
| 68. James Willson, Juner, | 5 | 8 | 10 | 19 | 11 | 19 |
| Saw Lote No 2, | 10 | 14 | 6 | 17 | 4 | 10 |
| 72. John Reside, | 5 | 6 | 13 | 5 | 12 | 5 |
| the Scool Lote, | 7 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 7 |
| 63. Alexander McCollom Juner, | 5 | 4 | 11 | 15 | 11 | 5 |
| 39. Nethaniel Aeking, | 7 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 13 | 12 |
| 61. William Rodgers, | 6 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 1 | 15 |
| John Reang, | 10 | 11 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 12 |
| 28. Daniel Lesly, | 9 | 15 | 1 | 14 | 1 | 1 |
| 71. James Smith, | 8 | 1 | 9 | 17 | 2 | 10 |
| 46. Robert Willson, | 6 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 12 |
| Jotham Odorn, Esq ^r , | 6 | 14 | 12 | 9 | 12 | 8 |
| 45. Alexander Willson, | 8 | 5 | 7 | 17 | 6 | 10 |
| 33. John Logan, Clothor, | 6 | 6 | 12 | 13 | 3 | 7 |
| John Moffet, Esq ^r , | 7 | 6 | 3 | 11 | 1 | 18 |
| 74. Alexander McMurphy, | 11 | 19 | 6 | 9 | 4 | 19 |
| 24. the Rev ^t William Davidson, | 7 | 14 | 13 | 2 | 3 | 13 |
| 66. William Aers tanar, | 7 | 13 | 4 | 9 | 13 | 13 |
| 55. John Caldwell, | 8 | 4 | 10 | 17 | 5 | 19 |
| 59. thomas Boys, | 9 | 3 | 13 | 7 | 10 | 4 |
| Saw Lote, No. 1, | 7 | 5 | 12 | 11 | 1 | 19 |
| John Timlenson & John Tufton Mason Esqrs, | 6 | 3 | 11 | 14 | 1 | 8 |
| 62. Alexander McCollom, | 9 | 2 | 4 | 12 | 13 | 9 |
| Samuel Salley & Clement Merch, Esqrs, | 10 | 18 | 8 | 3 | 8 | 2 |
| 21. John McMurphy, Esq, | 9 | 8 | 7 | 18 | 11 | 4 |
| Joshua Perce, Esq ^r , | 6 | 5 | 10 | 9 | 2 | 15 |
| 49. Robert fairservis, | 7 | 11 | 2 | 5 | 13 | 14 |
| 48. Joseph Willson, | 2 | 3 | 12 | 1 | 8 | 10 |
| 35. Alexander Craig, | 5 | 2 | 9 | 12 | 2 | 13 |
| 23. Cap ^t Samuel Barr, | 5 | 12 | 13 | 4 | 1 | 17 |
| Gorg Jefry, Esq ^r , | 11 | 10 | 3 | 16 | 4 | 15 |
| 76. William Peters, | 10 | 16 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 17 |
| Thomas Pecker Esq ^r , | 8 | 12 | 4 | 11 | 3 | 19 |
| 32. James Wallace, | 10 | 16 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 16 |
| 79. Gorg Robartson, | 10 | 8 | 11 | 8 | 3 | 12 |
| 40. John Pinkerton, | 11 | 13 | 12 | 16 | 1 | 6 |
| Richard Wibort Esq ^r , | 10 | 5 | 3 | 17 | 4 | 17 |
| 43. Mathew Pinkerton, | 10 | 13 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 8 |
| 36. John McMurphy, Jun ^t , | 11 | 1 | 4 | 14 | 3 | 14 |
| Theodor Elkeson, Esq ^r , | 8 | 19 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 9 |
| 57. hugh Willson, Jentelman, | 3 | 3 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 10 |
| 38. John Mack, Blacksmith, | 5 | 13 | 12 | 2 | 12 | 3 |
| Nathaniel Meserve, Joseph Blanchard Esq ^r , & Company, | 6 | 10 | 13 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| 25. Robert Cochran, Jentelman, | 5 | 3 | 9 | 11 | 2 | 18 |
| 29. James Eweins, | 8 | 7 | 6 | 18 | 12 | 4 |

| | R | N | R | N | R | N |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 44. John Loggen, Jun ^r , | 8 | 9 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 5 |
| Daniel Pen Esq ^r & Marcy Moore Deseased, | 9 | 14 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 9 |
| 61. Samuel todd, | 10 | 2 | 7 | 16 | 3 | 18 |
| 79. William holms, | 8 | 13 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 10 |
| 27. Robert Wallace, | 7 | 4 | 10 | 12 | 11 | 12 |
| 31. John Duncan, | 9 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 11 |
| 26. Robert Leviston, Blacksmith, | 7 | 9 | 12 | 17 | 6 | 1 |
| 41. William Mack, | 10 | 15 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| 22. Cap ^t Andrew todd, | 9 | 7 | 4 | 7 | 10 | 6 |
| 54. Isac Bruster, | 11 | 9 | 5 | 11 | 2 | 14 |
| 30. James Willson, South, | 12 | 14 | 6 | 19 | 4 | 6 |
| Mark hunkin Wintworth Esq., | 8 | 15 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| 73. John Clark, | 8 | 6 | 13 | 6 | 5 | 18 |
| 47. Joseph Bell, | 12 | 10 | 13 | 8 | 11 | 7 |
| 75. David Archibald, | 11 | 3 | 5 | 14 | 3 | 15 |
| 68. John Barr, | 10 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 2 | 17 |

The figures set before the name designate the number of the right.

The proprietors held a meeting Aug. 2, 1753, at which they

Voted Daniel Lesly five shillings, old tenor, for Drawing the transcrip of each mans right.

Voted that the Clerk shall have three shillings old tenor for entering the transcrip of each Mans Right.

Voted that John McMurphy Esq^r Cap^t Andrew todd & Capt Samuell Barr be a Com-tee to treat with Baricas fernom about the bulding a saw mill in No. 6, and his not Complying with their terms they are to have Power to treat and Seetel with any other Person about bulding the Saw Mill.

There is no record that anything was ever done by this committee in relation to the building of a saw-mill. Mr. Fernom—or Farnham—settled near where Mr. Kendall Whitcomb now lives ; what is now called Long pond was for many years called “ Farnham’s pond.”

At a meeting held June 17, 1757, an article was inserted in the warrant as follows, viz. :

to see if the Proprietors will Chews a Commite to Peram-
bulate there Lind betwixt hopkintown and no Six and Renew
the Reang Lind ther In order to Prevent troball that may other-
wise hapan their Neglecting the same.

No committee was chosen. This was the first meeting of which there is any record after Nov. 13, 1753. The supposition is, that the French and Indian war put a stop to all further proceedings until the meeting last mentioned.

Another meeting of the proprietors was held March 27, 1758, at which

Daniel Lesly, Coll. Samuel Barr and James Willson were chosen a Comtee to Perambulet the Lind between No. 6 and Hopkintown.

The same meeting

Voted to alow Robert Wallace Six Pounds old tenor for his entering the Charter and the Number of the Loots and other writings.

The following is a sample of the warrants under which the meetings were held:

Province of New Hampshire.

Thes ar to Warn all the Propriators of number Six to Aseball and meet at the hous of William Duncan Inholder Londonderry on tusday ye 29th Instant February at one of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following Artickels, first to Chews a fit person to Regulate said meeting.

2ly to Chews all their Officers for the present year.

3ly to see if they will Chews a Com-tee to Pramblat the Town Lins and Renew their Reang Staks.

4ly to see if they will chews a Com-tee to go and vew Whether there is aney Person or Persons Cuting timber in Number Six and to make Report of the same and to Pas aney other Vots that may be thought nesary for the Benfit of the Proprietors.

Given under our hands at Londonderry February ^{re} 15th 1759.

Isaac Bruster } Com-
Robert Wallace } -tee.

This meeting chose a committee to perambulate the line between No. 6 and Hopkinton only; also, the same committee were empowered to see whether any persons were cutting timber in No. 6.

The committee do not appear to have taken any action, for at the next meeting, held March 3, 1761—nearly two years after—a committee of three were chosen to perambulate the town lines. This committee consisted of Robert Wallace, Col. Samuel Barr, and Isaac Bruster, and the proprietors.

Voted, that if any of the aforesaid Com-tee Cannot Goo then Alexander McCollom is Chosen to Goo in his Roun and they are to hire a Surver if they Cannot Do without.

Up to this time no settlement had been made in town by these proprietors. A good many of the proprietors had taken but little interest in the township, some were dead, and others had disposed of their rights. Some debts that had been incurred had not been paid. Some of the proprietors determined that something should be done: accordingly Samuel Barr, justice of the peace, upon the petition of more than one sixteenth part of the rights in the township, notified a meeting to be held at the house of William Blair, of Londonderry, on Tuesday, the second day of February, 1762, for the transaction of important business. The officers for the year were chosen, and they then

Voted, to clear a Path that a hors can tread on from the East end of Number Six to the Senter of said town.

Voted that James Aken and Thomas McCollom is appointed to clear Said Road, and their wages is to be 1^l.-15^s. old tenor pr Day for the time they work and they are to Hier a Pilot at the Props cost.

An assessment of one pound five shillings, old tenor, was assessed upon each right, to be paid at once, or the right sold to pay it. This same meeting

Voted, 12ly, that the Licor expended at this meeting be paid at the Props Cost.

The next meeting was held Nov. 1, 1763. The necessary officers were chosen, and four pounds assessed on each right

to pay expenses. Their meetings were held at the houses of different proprietors, and all expenses incurred were paid out of the common fund. A little work was done preparatory to laying out highways. Nothing of interest was passed until May 27, 1766, when the proprietors met, and

Voted to Rais half a Doolar on each Right in number Six for to Heire the Preachin of the Gospel in Said number Six for the Present year.

2ly Voted to chews a Committee to Lay out a highway to the Senter of said town, and Coll Samuel Barr entered Desent against said vote.

3ly Voted for said Committee Leiut James Wallace, Amos Gould and Josia Ward.

4ly Voted to Rais two shillings Lawful Money on Each right for to be laid out on Clearing and Repairing high ways.

5ly Voted for Collector in Number Six and to hire a minister to Preach some time this year Eliakim How.

The men above named were all inhabitants of Number Six, except Lieut. James Wallace. At a meeting held Aug. 26, 1766, the proprietors

Voted that Leu't James Wallace, Eliakem How and Josia Ward be a Com-tee to alter High Ways where the Land is not Sutabel on the Lins.

2ly Voted for Surveors to Repair the highways said How and Ward.

3ly Voted to Clear three acros on the Senter Lot for a bur-ing Place & to Buld a Meeting hous on.

4ly Voted for a Committee to Chews the Place on said Loot and see the Work Don Leut James and thomas Wallace James Mcgregory Eliakim Howe & Josia Ward.

5ly Voted to Rais five shillings Lawfull Money on each Right in said town to Defray the charges of the same.

Several lots or rights were sold at various times for the taxes assessed upon them, but all appear to have been re-deemed again.

At a meeting held June 18, 1767, the proprietors

Voted to Rais on each Right six shillings Lawfull Money for the suport of the Gospel this Present year, and three shillings for Repairing highways.

4ly, Voted Survers Eliakim How, Josia Ward William Peters and timothy Ross.

This meeting adjourned until July 9, 1767, when the proprietors met and sold several rights for delinquent taxes, all of which rights were redeemed by the owners.

This meeting adjourned to Sept. 11, same year, when a few more rights were sold and redeemed again, and then adjourned until Jan. 1, 1768, when the Proprietors met, and, without transacting any business, adjourned without date.

This is the last record of any meeting being held by the Proprietors in Londonderry. There are no records to be found of the meetings in 1768, if any were held, or where they were held.

The town had now become settled in various places, and the attention of all seemed to be turned towards laying out highways, building a meeting-house and a pound, and fitting up a burying-ground. The south side of the town contained the most settlers: there were but few, up to this time, north of the river. The extensive swamp at the south-east part of the town afforded a little hay and feed for stock, and around or near that, and other little patches of meadow, the first settlers built their log huts. A move was soon made for an act of incorporation for the town, which act was dated Nov. 10, 1768. The act of incorporation was as follows :

COPY OF THE CHARTER OF HENNIKER.

Province of New Hampshire.

George the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the faith and so forth.

To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting.

Whereas our loyal subjects, inhabitants of a Tract of Land within our Province of New Hampshire, known by the name of Number Six in the line of Towns and containing six miles square, and bounded as hereafter mentioned, Have humbly Petitioned & Requested us that they may be erected and incorporated into a Township and infranchised with the same privi-

leges which other towns within our said Province have & Enjoy by Law ; and it appearing unto us to be condusive to the general good of our said province, as well as of the said Inhabitants in particular, by maintaining good order & encouraging the culture of the land, that the same should be done. Know ye therefore, that we of our especial Grace, certain knowledge, and for the encouragement & promotion of the good purposes and ends aforesaid, and with the advice of our Trusty and Well beloved John Wentworth Esq^r our Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province, and of our Council of the same, have erected and ordained & by these Presents for us, our heirs and Successors, Do will & ordain that the inhabitants of the Tract of Land aforesaid, & others who shall inhabit & improve thereon hereafter, the same being butted & bounded as follows, viz : Beginning at the North West Corner (nearest) of New Hopkinton so called, thence on a strait line to the north east corner of Hillsborough so called, being by estimation six miles, then by said Hillsborough line to the south east corner thereof, being supposed to be six miles, then on a strait line to the south west corner of said New Hopkinton, then by that to the Corner where it begins, all the said lines being supposed to be six miles each, be and hereby are declared to be a town Corporate & are hereby erected and incorporated into a Body Politic & Corporate to have continuance forever, by the name of Henniker, with all the powers, & Authorities, Privileges, Immunities & Franchises, which any other Towns in said Province by Law have and Enjoy, to the said Inhabitants or who shall hereafter Inhabit there, & their Successors forever, always reserving to us, our heirs and successors all White Pine trees which are or shall be found growing and being on the said Tract of Land fit for the use of our Royal Navy, reserving also to us, our heirs and successors, the power and right of dividing said Town when it shall appear necessary and convenient for the Inhabitants thereof. Provided, nevertheless, & 'tis hereby declared, that this Charter and grant is not intended and shall not in any manner be construed to affect the private property of the soil within the Limits aforesaid ; And as the several Towns within our said Province are by the Laws thereof enabled and authorized to Assemble, and by the majority of the Voters present to chuse all officers & transact such affairs as in the said Laws declared.

We do by these presents nominate & appoint Eliakim How, to call the first meeting of said Inhabitants, to be held within the said Town, at any time within three months from the date hereof, giving legal notice of the time and design of holding such meeting, after which the Annual Meeting in said Town

shall be held for the choice of said Officers & the purposes aforesaid, on the first Monday of March annually.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness our aforesaid Governor and Commander in Chief this Tenth day of November in the Ninth year of our Reign and in ye year of our Lord Christ, 1768. By his Excellencys Command with advice of Council.

T. Atkinson jr, Sec'y,
J. Wentworth.

Province of New Hampshire, Portsmouth, Nov. 10, 1768.
Recorded according to ye above in ye Book for recording Charters of Incorporation.

Attest

T. Atkinson jr Secy.

The Charter was written on heavy parchment, in a large, bold hand. At the bottom the seal, being on thinner parchment, was fastened by a tape of parchment. The seal consisted of the well known English coat of arms, and was three and one half inches in width and three and one fourth inches in length. The seal, immediately under the Crown and the Lion and the Unicorn, contained the English national motto. Surrounding the seal were the words, "Sig Provincie Nastrae Nouve Hamtoniae America." Surrounding this and on the outer edge of the seal were the words, 'Georgius III.'

Capt. Eliakim Howe proposed that the name of the new town be called New Marlboro', in honor of Marlboro', Mass., from which town and vicinity came so many of the early settlers; but Gov. Wentworth overruled him, and named it for his friend, John Henniker, Esq., a wealthy merchant of London. No other township in all our wide domain is known by that name.

CHAPTER IV.

FIRST SETTLERS BEFORE THE INCORPORATION OF THE TOWN, NOV. 10, 1768—FIRST SAW-MILL—FIRST LOG CABIN—FIRST FRAME HOUSE—NAMES OF SETTLERS—FIRST CHILD BORN—FIRST POTASH—FIRST ROADS LAID OUT.

IT was owing, undoubtedly, to the French and Indian war, which involved the New England colonies in all the calamities of a war with the Indians of Canada and the neighboring tribes, that the settlement of this town did not commence so soon by several years as the grant specified. Most, if not all, the grantees might have purposed to fix their residence in this newly-acquired territory, and to share the toil and the satisfaction of changing the wilderness to a fruitful field. But He who governs all events so directed their affairs that not one of them ever took up his residence here.

As early as 1753, as will have been noticed, a movement was made by the proprietors to erect a saw-mill, in accordance with the terms of the grant. Nothing, however, was done until the spring of 1758, when one was commenced just below the little bridge easterly from the residence of Mr. George E. Barnes, the water to operate the same coming from what is known to us as Long pond. The foundation for the same was laid, upon which the saw and its machinery were placed to saw out the necessary lumber to erect a frame for a mill and its covering. Tradition says, that one of the men engaged in building the saw-mill had been to Londonderry on business. On his way back, he crossed the river near where the brook empties into the river below Mr.

Wiggin's. He had proceeded but a little way, when he discovered an Indian lurking behind a tree in his path. The Indian fired, but missed his man, who immediately fired his musket, and the Indian lay dead. He hurried up to the saw-mill, informed his companions of what had taken place, who immediately prepared for an evacuation of the mill, having already learned that a small band of Penacooks were encamped near "Ridge Hill pond," now "Gove's pond," in the east part of the town.

The mill was within a few hours of its completion for running, but, fearing an attack, they immediately took the saw and its most valuable machinery, secreted them in the heavy woods near by, and hurried to their homes in Londonderry. Before they had passed out of the limits of the township, the loud warwhoop was heard around their saw-mill; and the smoke of the burning of their brush house was seen ascending to the fleecy heavens. No further attempt was made to set it in operation.

In the spring of 1760, the Rev. James Scales, having come into possession of some land in the easterly part of the town, built a log cabin under the hill now known as the Foster hill, and in a northerly direction from the residence of Mr. C. F. Gove. Mr. Scales was a native of Boxford, Mass. He graduated at Harvard college in 1733, and settled in Concord, this state, in 1737, and was the teacher of the first school taught in that town. He was shortly afterwards licensed to preach, and was the first minister at Canterbury. He moved from that town to Hopkinton. He was the first preacher there, being ordained as pastor of the church, Nov. 23, 1757. He was ordained in the fort on Putney's hill, there being no meeting-house in the town at that date. It was while settled in Hopkinton that he built his cabin in this town. He resided here some six months, for most of the time, when he sold his claim, as is supposed, to Mr. James Peters of Hopkinton, and returned to Hopkinton, where he resided the remainder of his days. He occasionally preached

here in after years. He was the first justice of the peace for the town, and was the first to execute deeds for the people of this town. His remains lie buried in the old burial-yard on Putney's hill in Hopkinton. The hill near his cabin was known for half a century as "Scales hill."

In the spring of 1761 Mr. James Peters and his family moved into town from Hopkinton, and built a log house a little westerly but close by the cabin which had been built by Mr. Scales. The town was then an almost unbroken forest. There were no roads, and but few trails, even, save those that had been cut by the surveying parties in laying out the town. There were no neighbors nearer than Putney's hill in Hopkinton, and no mill or store nearer than Concord. To the westward, a few families had commenced a settlement in Hillsborough, while to the north there was an unbroken forest for more than fifty miles. In this wilderness Mr. Peters resolved to make himself a home. It is said, and generally credited, that Mrs. Peters saw no white woman for eighteen months, after coming here, save a hired girl she brought into her wilderness home with her. He resided here several years, then returned to Hopkinton with his family, and afterwards moved to Vermont, where he spent the remainder of his days.

In June, 1763, Eliakim Howe, Amos Gould, and Thomas Stone moved into town from Marlboro', Mass. They settled in the south-east part of the town,—Mr. Howe a little easterly from the residence of the late David Plummer. Mr. Gould and Mr. Stone located northerly, and nearly on a line with him.

In September of the same year, Jonas Bowman moved into town from Lexington, Mass., and located southerly from Mr. Howe upon the place now known as the Stephen Kimball farm. After residing there a few years he exchanged his land for some near the foot of Craney hill, upon the north side, and known in later years as the Hardy place. From there he removed to the spot which Thomas Brown's

residence now occupies, where he passed the remainder of his days.

Capt. Howe was one of the most prominent men of the town for years. He built the first frame house in the town, in 1765. It was one story and a half in height, in front, the long slanting roof upon the back side reaching nearly to the ground. It had but few windows, and those very small, the glass being six by eight inches in size, and very strong and heavy.

In the same year, 1763, William Peters, a son of James, the first settler, moved into town from Hopkinton, and settled in the easterly part of the town upon the farm now known as the Jacob Peters place. He and his family passed their first night in town under a rock, near which he built his cabin. He was a prominent man in town, and often assisted the proprietors' committee in laying out roads, and in other improvements. He was killed by the falling of a tree, July 5, 1775.

Josiah Ward and his family came in September, 1763, from Marlboro', Mass., and settled in the valley about a mile south from the common, as now known. His wife was the first white woman that came into town over Craney hill. The next day after their arrival Mr. Ward felled a very large maple-tree, to make one side of his cabin: his wife persuaded him to leave the stump high enough to answer for a table, which he did. He built his cabin around it, and for years it was the only table they had. Mr. Ward became quite an extensive farmer, making a large amount of butter, for which he found a market in Amherst and Dunstable. A road passed out over the south part of the town, which was then, and ever since, known as the "Butter road," so called in consequence of Mr. Ward's carrying out over it so much butter.

In 1764 quite a number of families came to town. Dea. Ebenezer Harthorn came in the spring from Marlboro', Mass., and settled where Josiah W. Emery now resides. There were no settlements then near him, and no clearing, save a

little meadow near by, from which he said he used to "cut hay enough to keep a cow and a pair of oxen until he could cut some from his cleared land, or else he would have been obliged to have abandoned his place."

William Presbury came from Stowe in 1766, and settled near the residence of Robert Clark. This year came the Giles,—Ebenezer, Noah, and Joshua, three brothers,—from Marlboro'. They settled upon what is known to us as the "Noyes hill," and were all substantial citizens.

The Ross brothers, Timothy and Jesse, came from Stowe, and settled where the Huntington brothers now reside.

The Whitcomb brothers, Charles and Jacob, came during this year from Stowe, and settled in different parts of the town. Charles settled where Oliver A. Newton resides, and Jacob near the present residence of John K. Connor.

During this same year Francis Withington moved into town from Stowe, and settled on the hill below the "Bickford place," in the south-west part of the town. Mr. Withington was the seventeenth settler.

Early in 1765, Annas Campbell came to town from Hawke, now called Danville, and settled where Warren S. Childs now resides. He became a large land-owner and a prosperous farmer. Mr. Campbell erected the first two story frame house in this town. It was built in 1767. A Mr. Flanders, from Warner, was the builder. Two days were consumed in raising it, there being only some ten men then in town able to assist in the raising. The large, heavy timbers went up slowly and heavily, and glad were those old pioneers when they were in position. The night after it was finished was spent in drinking and in wrestling. We will let Dea. Harthorn, who was present, tell the story :

"Mr. Campbell had been down to Hawke, and when he returned he brought with him plenty of rum to be used in raising the new house. It took us two days to raise the building, and after it was up we went over to Mr. Campbell's log hut and got something to eat and drink. We

were not much used to drinking rum, and it soon began to work upon us. During the night we commenced scuffling and wrestling. Mr. Campbell and myself wrestled until we nearly tore one another's shirts off of us. It was quite warm, and a little before day I started for home, hardly knowing whether I was going backwards or forwards.

"I did not like to let Rhoda [his wife] know how bad off I was ; so when I reached home I pulled off my vest and laid down awhile, but was up as soon as it began to be light, slipped out of the house, and went over to the beech plain, easterly from my house, and commenced to chop, but soon found I could do nothing. I sat down by the side of a tree until Rhoda called me to breakfast, when I put the best foot forward, and went up to my cabin, ate a little breakfast, and then back to the lot. I sat down behind a tree, in the shade, and slept until I heard the call for dinner. After that was over I went back to the lot, and slept on the other side of the tree until night. I went to bed, slept well, and the next morning came out all right."

Such was a raising in those olden times. These practices were kept up for many years, and many lively times must those stout old pioneers have indulged in.

In the spring of this year Alexander Patterson, and his sons Isaac and Joseph, came up from Pembroke to "fall a piece of wood" preparatory for a clearing. They came into the south part of the town, and by spotted trees worked their way up to, and across, the river. They had never been in the township before, but knew about where their land must lie. Learning that there must be a brook near where they were to commence their clearing, they followed up the river until they reached the one running westerly from W. S. Childs's. They followed this up until they reached the vicinity of where Obadiah Wilson's house now stands, and under that hill commenced their labors. After accomplishing their task, they returned to Pembroke to do their haying. After this was done they came up to burn and clear

the piece which they had fallen. They crossed the river as before, followed up its bank, and instead of following the first brook as before, they crossed it, and soon found themselves upon the brook near the present residence of Carlos Childs: they then came to the conclusion that they were lost. It being then dark, they lay down under a tree and passed the night. In the morning they ascended the hill easterly of them, when Alexander requested his son Isaac to climb a large tree near by and see what was ahead. Isaac did so, and to the joy of all, their clearing lay directly in front of them. They built themselves a log cabin, put in a stock of provisions, brought up Mrs. Patterson and the remainder of the family, and prepared to spend the winter. The snow came very deep. For six weeks they saw no person, and were much pleased, when, at the expiration of that time, Dea. Harthorn made his appearance upon snow-shoes, who told them he had "come up to see whether they were dead or alive." Mr. Patterson and his son Joseph afterwards resided where Barak Colby lives, and his son Isaac where Mr. Wilson lives.

This year came Ezra Tucker, who settled where Cyrus R. Bacon now resides. Mr. Tucker came from Marlboro' here.

Cornelius Bean settled in the westerly part of the town, near the present residence of James M. Colby. He came here from Marlboro', Mass. The next year came Silas Barnes, who settled where Ezra Eastman resides. Mr. Barnes came from Marlboro'. After residing here several years, becoming quite a prominent man, he returned to Marlboro', where he passed the remainder of his days. His descendants remained in their new home.

Ezekiel Smith came to town and settled on the place now owned by Alden Rowe. Mr. Smith came from Westboro', Mass.

Hezekiah Newton came from Marlboro', and settled near the four-corners, easterly from Mr. Smith. Between this time and 1768, quite a number more of families moved into town.

Solomon Childs came from Grafton, Mass., in 1767, and settled where Carlos Childs now resides.

Ephraim Morrill, who came from Stowe, Mass., in 1766, and settled where Harrison Morrill now resides, was one of the sturdy old settlers of the town.

The brothers Adonijah and Jephthah Tyler came in 1767, from Marlboro', and settled below Mr. Morrill's, near Mr. Ward's.

Thomas Howlett, who came from Stowe in 1766, settled in the south-west part of the town, south from what is known as the Gould Harriman place.

William Powers came from the same place, at about the same time, and settled near Mr. Howlett, on the east of him.

William Eastman came from Marlboro' in 1765, and settled near the residence of Mrs. W. H. Gilmore. He was a tanner by trade, and operated the first tannery in town, on the little brook northerly from the Noyes place.

David McKillip came here from Weare, and lived just over the line in this town, below where J. G. Matthews now resides.

Thomas Pope settled on the south side of Craney hill. Where he came from is not known.

Samuel Powell settled in the south-west part of the town, near Mr. Howlett's. It is not known where he came from.

David Connor, who came, as is supposed, from Hopkinton, in 1766, settled where Benj. Colby and his son reside.

Neither the north-east part of the town, nor the east part north of the river, contained a single settler at that time. Almost an unbroken forest was that part of the town. One morning Mrs. Connor announced to her husband that she had cooked the last mouthful of meal in the cabin. Mr. Connor hardly knew what to do, as there was no corn to be had in the town. He had heard that a man down in Rumford (now Concord) had some corn,—so, taking a meal-bag in one hand and his hoe in the other, he started for Rumford, where he found the owner of the corn. He told him

he had left his family up in No. 6 without a mouthful of meal in the house ; that he had no money, but something to eat his family must have ; that if he would let him have one bushel of corn, he would go into the field and hoe for him as long as he requested, to pay for it. He worked for him the remainder of that day, and the next day until the sun was about one hour high, when he was told he had paid for his corn. Mr. Connor took his bushel of corn, went one mile out of his way to have it ground, and then started for his home. After entering the easterly part of the town, the darkness became intense, and he became lost. He laid down his bag of meal and sat by it all night, the forest resounding with the cries of the wild beasts. In the morning he found the right trail and soon reached his home, much to the joy of his starving family.

In 1767 Ephraim Goss, then a single man, came from Lancaster, Mass., and commenced a clearing upon Colby hill, so-called. He afterwards cleared where the present residence of Robert D. Rice stands. After a few years he exchanged places with Samuel Wadsworth, and moved upon the hill now known as the Goss hill, where his grandson now resides.

In 1768, Samuel Wadsworth, then a single man, commenced a clearing upon Goss hill, and shortly afterwards exchanged places with Mr. Goss, where he lived and died. He came from Grafton, Mass.

Abraham Morrison came about this time, and settled in the east part of the town, where George Colby now resides.

Moses Duston came, in 1768, from Hopkinton, to which place he had come shortly before from Newbury, Mass., and settled where Alexander W. Connor now resides. In a short time he exchanged farms with Mr. Morrison, where he passed the remainder of his days.

Moses Huse came in 1766, and settled upon the place now and for many years known as the Gould Harriman

place. Where he came from here is unknown. His wife was of Indian extraction.

The following were residents of this town at the time of its incorporation, with their families :

Rev. Jacob Rice, Dea. Ebenezer Harthorn, Eliakim Howe, Ezekiel Smith, Thomas Stone, Amos Gould, Moses Huse, Ezra Tucker, John Johnson (who resided near where Norman Matthews now lives), Adonijah Tyler, Jephthah Tyler, James Peters, William Peters, Josiah Ward, Jacob Whitcomb, Charles Whitcomb, Timothy Ross, Jesse Ross, Ebenezer Gile, Joshua Gile, Francis Withington, Silas Barnes, Thomas Pope, Jonas Bowman, Samuel Powell, Annas Campbell, William Powers, William Presbury, Moses Duston, William Eastman, Ezra Tucker,—thirty-one families.

The first child born in the township was Persis, daughter of Capt. Eliakim and Rebecca Howe, Dec. 3, 1763. She afterwards married Fortunatus Wheeler, of Marlboro', Mass., and settled in Hillsborough.

Another of the earliest settlers was Joseph Clisby, who resided near Mr. Whitcomb's. He remained here but a few years. Where he came from is not known, as there is no record of him or of his family. He made the first potash in town.

FIRST HIGHWAYS LAID OUT IN TOWN.

Province of }
New Hampshire } Number Six November ye 1, 1765.

We the Subscribers being Chosen at a Legal Meeting of the Proprietors of said town as a Com—tee to Lay out Highways in said town Where the Land that is reserved for highways is not Pasable on the Lins and we have Laid out or altered as follows to Wit: One Laid out Beginning at Hopkentown Line, one the Line Betwixt the Mint & ten Reanges thence Northerly on said Line two hundred Rhods to the Nor East Corner of Eliakim Hows Land thence Norwest and angling on Widow Boyss land to a new bridg thence on a straight Point to a Place Comonly known by the Name of the Nussery Near the river then up said River Bank as near as Good Ground will allow through

Joseph Willsons Land and Pairt of James Mcgregorys Land, then Runing Westerly by Marke trees trough William Eastmans Land the Southerd of his house, then ACros James Wallaces Land by Marked trees to Southerd of his Improvements thence Westerly acros Adonijah tilars to the Norard of his Dwelling hous.

Note. Said Highway is four Rhods Wide.

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| James Wallace | } | Prop's |
| Thomas Wallace | | Com—tee. |

The next is a continuation of the same laid-out highway :

Number Six June ye 23, 1766.

then laid a highway begining at the Laid out highway about twinty Rhods East of Adonijah Tylers south west Corner thence Runing a cros a small Corner of Mr. Presberys Land and a cros a small Corner of John McMurphee Esq Land then Runing Westerly as the Path Goos till it Coms to a Grait Rock against Mr. Whitcoms fild Runing to the North Sid of Said Rock a cros the lotts about eight Rhods above the Pot ash to Joseph Clisbes East Lin then straght along by his hous then by Marked trees to Joseph Willson's East Line then across his Lot by Marked trees till it croses a Grait Brook then by Marked trees till it Streacks the South Line of the Senter Lott thirtety Rhods east from the southwest corner.

Note. Said Highway is four Rhods wide.

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| Amos Gould, | } | Prop'rs |
| James Wallace | | Com—tee |
| Josiah Ward, | | |

The road was soon continued, as follows :

Province of }
New Hampshire } Number Six October ye 23^d 1766.

then Laid out a highway, begining at the Laid out highway about thirty Rhods from the Southwest Corner of the Center Lott and thence Runing Westerly on the South end of the Senter Lott and John Stewart Lott and so Westerly as the Road know Gos to Josiah Wards Land thence Westerly acros said Wards Land to the North of his Dwelling hous till it comes to John Wintworth Land, thence Westerly acros said Land and Peter Hows land til it comes to William Powers Land then South westerly by marked trees ACros said Powers to the North of his Dwelling hous to the Line betwixt James Wallaces Land and said Powers thence Westerly on the line Betwixt said Wallace and Powers and tacking a small Corner of the North West

Corner of Said Wallaces Land till it Coms to James Mcgregore Land and M^r Marshes Land and Moses huses Land til it Coms to Hillsburrow Line.

Note Said Highway is four Rhods wide.

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| Eliakim How, | } Prop—rs Com—te. |
| James Wallace, | |
| Josiah Ward | |

This was for years the main road running between Hillsborough and Hopkinton. A portion of it still runs where it was laid out. The road came down through the Patten district, and down past where John K. Connor now lives, but instead of coming out near the "Noyes stand," so-called, it struck off towards the river, and ran down its bank to the little bridge near the foot of the hill westerly of Hazen K. Plummer's. It was the only road laid out four rods wide.

The settlers of the town were largely upon the line of this road. Some few were in the westerly and easterly parts of the town, north of the river, and a very few near the centre. The following year a road was laid out as follows:

Number Six, September ye 17, 1767.

then Laid a highway Begining at hopkentown Line on the East side of John Wintworth Esqr. Loot and Running Westerly across said Loot to Alexander Craigs lott and acros said lott and James Mcgregore to thomas Wallace Lott thence Westerly across Said Loot and James Wallaces loot and Alexander Craigs to John Jonstons Loot then Sutherly tacking a Corner of said Jonstons Loot to Benjamin Hails and sutherly by Marked trees on said Loot to an old Camp then South East as near said hails Line as Good Ground will alow, Across the Brook below the Saw Mill then turning Westerly across said Hails Loot by Marked trees to Robert Wallace Loot then Westerly across said Loot by Marked trees to Joshua Tylor Loot and Westerly across said Loot by Marked trees to Robert Kenedys Loot and Westerly across said Loot and the tenth Loot in the Sixt Reange by Marked trees to a Small Brok then Nor Westerly to Anas Campbells North Line of the Eleventh Loot then Westerly on the line Betwixt said Campbell and Newton and Westerly by Marked trees to M^r Hathorns Loot and across said Loot by Marked trees on the North Line to his Norwest Corner.

This road commenced on Cass hill, at the east side of the

town; then westerly partially as it now runs until it reached the place now owned by Mr. Wiggin; then it struck off towards the river, and followed it up to what is now the centre of the town; then north-westerly, as the road is now trod and used, past George W. Rice's, and terminating at the three-corners just below Carlos Childs's. This gave the settlers one road the entire width of the town, the south side of the river, and one two thirds of the width on the north side of the river.

At the same time the above road was laid out, another road was laid out, as follows:

And Likwis another Highway Begining at ye aforsaid Saw Mill and Runing Southerly as near said Hailes East Line as Good Ground Will allow to the free way and Sutherly Across the River to the Line Betwixt John Mofat Esq. & Robert Wallaces Loots thence Sutherly on said Mofats Lin to the Lin betwixt James Wallaces and William Easmans then Sutherly on Said Line to the Leading Highway betwixt Hopkintown and Number Seven or Hillsboro, And also a nother Pice of a Highway begini'g at the Norwest Corner of James Mcgregore third Loot in the fift Reang thence Runing Sutherly on the Lin Betwixt said McGregores Loot and Thomas Wallace Loot to the Leading Road Betwixt hopkintown and the Saw Mill.

The first-named road is wholly discontinued. It ran down through the woods and crossed the river on the place now owned by Greely D. Tucker, or very near it, and followed down the river until it reached the Hopkinton road. The second piece of road mentioned was laid out in the east part of the town, leading out from "Gove's pond," so called, and must have been between the two roads now leading south to the main road of Hopkinton.

Three days before these roads were laid out, a road was laid out as follows:

Province of }
New Hampshire } Number Six, September ye 13 1767.

Then Laid out a Highway Begini'g at the North End of Eleiakim Hows Loot that he know lives on at the Leading Road Between Hopkintown and number Seven from thence

Runing Sutherly Between said hows Dwelling hous and baren and so Sutherly through said hows Land as the Road now Goes, to M^r Bowmans Land by Marked trees on Said Bowmans Land by the East end of his hous and through said Bowmans Land as the Road know Goes to Noah Guile Land to David Mc. Killips Land and thence Sutherly through said McKillips Land by Marked trees to Healstown Line.

Eleakim how, } Prop-rs
James Wallace } Com-te.

This road commenced at the corner westerly of H. K. Plummer's, thence ran down past the Plummer and Kimball farms on to Weare line. The road has been discontinued for a long time.

In October, 1766, the following road was laid out :

Province of }
New Hampshire } Number Six October ye 22, 1766.

then Laid out a Highway begining at the nor East Corner of thomas Ricker Esq Loot which is the twelft Loot in the Eight Reang thence Runing Sutherly through Said Rickers Loot thence Runing Sutherly near the East Line through Alexander Craigs Loot to the North East Cornor of Capt. Robert Wallace Land thence Runing Sutherly on the Lin betwixt the Said Wallace and John Reang and so Sutherly on the east Line of Mr. Michals Loot to the South East Cornor then taking a small Corner of M^r Livermors Loot to the Southwest Corner of thomas Wallace Loot then taking a small corner of thomas Coyles Lot to the west line of Thomas Popes thence Runing South on Said Popes Land to hailstown Line.

Eliakim How }
James Wallace } Prop-rs
Josiah Ward } Com-tee

This seems to be the road running south-east from the road near Jonathan Gordon's, and known as the "Butter road," thence upon the hill, as the road is now travelled, among the Chases, and out into Weare. The road may have been straightened in some places, but it remains substantially the same as when laid out.

Some pieces of roads were laid out during 1768; but on February 24, 1769, a road was laid out as follows :

We the Subscribers Being Lawfully Impowred to Lay out

highways we Began at Cornelius Beans Hous and Laying out a highway two Rhods wide to the North Side of the Spoted trees then Easterly to the house of Ezra Tucker about twenty feet to the South of Said hous then about North East on the North Side of Spoted trees then to the South side of Charles Whitcoms hous then runing Easterly to Ebenezer Hathorns on the North Side of Spoted trees then south of Hathorns hous about thirty feet then easterly on the North side of Spoted trees to Anas Camels barn about twenty feet to the North side and then as it is now trod in and about to the Saw Mill that is now owned by Jonathan Temple eight Rhods South of the Mill then Straight to the East Lin of Said Loot then South upon the Line to the river then acros the river and down the river as the Land will alow of for a highway two Rhods wide to the east end of Eas-mans bridg into the Road that Leads to Hopkintown.

Eben Gile
William Presby } Selectmen.

This completed a road through the town from east to west upon the north side of the river.

At a meeting held January 7, 1771, the town voted "to fling up the road from good brook * so called through near Anes Camels land to Dec Ebenezer Harthorn's house."

* Good brook is the brook near Putney Wiggin's.

CHAPTER V.

FIRST TOWN-MEETING AFTER INCORPORATION—FIRST ANNUAL MEETING—FIRST SAW-MILL IN OPERATION—FIRST MEETING-HOUSE—FIRST MEETING IN IT—BURNING OF THE MEETING-HOUSE—POUND—CALLING TOWN-MEETINGS.

AFTER obtaining the act of incorporation from Gov. Wentworth, Mr. How came home and immediately called a town-meeting, which meeting was held Nov. 25, 1768, fifteen days after the charter was given, at the house of Silas Barnes, who lived where Ezra Eastman now lives. The following is the record of the meeting:

This day met and held a legal meeting at the dwelling house of Silas Barnes in said town aforesaid.

1st Chose Mr Ebenezer Gile moderator for this meeting.

2^d Chose Silas Barnes Town Clerk.

3^d Thomas Stone constable.

4th Chose Ebenezer Gile, William Presbury, Jonas Bowman, Selectmen.

5th Chose Jacob Whitcomb, Ebenezer Harthorn, Tything men.

6th Chose Noah Gile, Adonijah Tyler, Ezekiel Smith, William Powers, Highway Surveyors.

7th Chose Amos Gould, Ezra Tucker fence viewers.

8th Chose Jephthah Tyler, Josiah Ward, Hog-reefs.

9th Chose Eliakim How, Thomas Howlet, Adonijah Tyler, committee men to call the Selectmen to account.

10th Chose William Eastman Sealer of Weights and Measures, also Sealer of leather.

11th. It was also Voted by the inhabitants of this town, that they accepted Mr. Jacob Rice to be their Gospel minister in this town, that they vote to give him thirty pounds Settlement,

and thirty pounds Salary yearly for the first four years; and then thirty-five pounds for four years more, and then forty pounds yearly till there is seventy families in town, and then to be fifty pounds yearly till there is ninety families in town, then we will give him sixty pounds yearly till there is a hundred and ten families in town, then we will give him sixty-six pounds, thirteen shillings and four pence yearly when six shillings and eight pence per ounce, and to the full of the sum proposed according as silver, what it is at present; also that the town allowed him two Sabbaths the first year after his ordination, to be absent from this town, and then one Sabbath yearly afterwards to be absent from his people during his ministry. Also, that Mr. Jacob Rice began his year to preach with this town October 24th A. D. 1768, and while he is absent in the winter season, his wages is to cease till he comes again. This meeting is adjourned till Friday the 16th of December 1768.

Silas Barnes Town Clerk.

Jonas Bowman, his desent against the vote for settling Mr. Jacob Rice, in said Town.

William Eastman, his desent against the vote for settling Mr. Jacob Rice in said Town.

Thomas Stone, his desent against the vote for Settling Mr. Jacob Rice in said Town: this meeting is adjourned till friday the 16th of December next at 10 o'clock before noon on s^d day at the house of Silas Barnes—Town Clerk.

The town met according to adjournment, Dec. 16, 1768, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the dwelling-house of Silas Barnes, and

Voted Silas Barnes, Ebenezer Harthorn and Ebenezer Gile, for a Committee to agree and appoint with Mr. Jacob Rice a day for his solemn ordination in this town

13th And also Voted by the Inhabitants of this town at this meeting, that they will pay by a rate laid upon the Poles and other ratable estates of the Inhabitants of this Town the money which is due to Mr. Jacob Rice, for preaching the summer and fall past in this Town,—that money which was offered by subscription by a number of the inhabitants of this town, and Notes given for the same, which notes are to be given up to them again which gave them.

14th Also, Mr Eliakim How has offered to give the town the board of Mr. Jacob Rice the summer and fall past when he was preaching with us, if they will excuse him from paying the ministers rates, and it was voted, and also it was voted to pay Mr. How twelve pounds, eleven shillings and eight pence,

lawful money for the Incorporation together with his charges in getting the same.

This meeting is desolved by the moderator.

Silas Barnes, Town Clerk.

The original record of this meeting is lost.

FIRST SAW-MILL.

By the terms of the grant, one lot was to be given to the party or parties that built and operated the first saw-mill in town. The old records of the town contain the following :

Henniker, January ye 5th 1769.

We the subscribers Selectmen for the town of Henniker, In the Province of New Hampshire, Cartifie, that Jon^a Temple of Marlboro, in the County of Middlesex, has finished and completed a Good Saw Mill in said Henniker it being the first Saw Mill in said town: these are therefore to Signify our approbation of Said Mill, and to Entitle said Temple to the right of land given by Grant. We accordingly order the Town Clark to Record this in the Town Book of Records as witness our Hands.

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| Ebenezer Gile | } Selectmen | |
| Jonas Bowman, | | of |
| William Presbury | | Henniker. |

This saw-mill was situated on the brook easterly from the present residence of Mr. Asa P. Wiggin. This is established from the fact that a road had been laid out upon the north side of the river, running past Annas Campbell's, thence on down across the plain, and across the brook just below Mr. Temple's saw-mill.

FIRST ANNUAL TOWN-MEETING.

The proceedings of the first annual meeting are given entire.

Henniker March ye 6 1769.

this Day met at the house of Silas Barns at two o'clock In the after Noon and held Annual meeting and M^r Ebenezer Gile was chosen the moderator to Regulate Said meeting.

2. Amos Goold was Chosen town Clark.
3. Jonas Bowman was Chosen Constable.
4. Ebenezer Gile
Eliakim How
Ebenezer Harthorn } are the Selectmen.
5. Ezra Tucker,
francis Withenton
Silas Barns
Jepthoh tyler
thomas Howlet } are Sevairs of Highways.
6. Ezekiel Smith
Josioh Ward
Adonijah tyler } are Sevairs of fence.
7. thomas Howlet
William Presbury } are tidening men.
8. Chose William Eastman Sealer of Leather.
9. Chose Silas Barns sealer of weights and measures.
10. Chose Samuel Powel
Jacob Whitcom } Hog Riefs.
11. Chose thomas Stone Sevair of Lumber.
12. Chose William Eastman
William Powers } field Drivers.
13. Chose thomas Howlet
Silas Barns
Josioh Ward } are a Commtte to reckon with the
Selectmen the past year and the
year ensewing.

14 then Voted to Raise ten Dolars to Defray town charges and twenty Dolars for a school

15 then Voted to raise one Hundred Dolars to Be Laid out In mending of Highways at two shilings Lawful Money Pr Day and the work is to Be done Between the first of April and the first of October.

16 then Voated that the ordination of Mr. Jacob Rice Shall Be the seventh Day of June next.

17 the town excepted of what the Committee Did Agree upon Consarning the Seteling of Mr. Jacob Rice.

18 then Voated that the Voat Consarning the Seteling of Mr. Jacob Rice shall not be Reconsidered.

19 Voated that the Rates shall be made this year By the Last years In voice : this meeting Is A Journed till the tenth Day of this month at one of the clock In the afternoon at the house of Eliakim How.

march ye 10, 1769, then met at the house of Eliakim How upon the A Journment of a Meeting.

1 Chose Silas Barnes Pound Keeper.

2 Voated that Noah Johnson should Be cleared of Paying any Rates.

3 voated that Moses huse should Be Cleared of Paying the Minister Rate the Past year.

this Meeting Is Dissolved By the Moderator.

Amos Goold, town Clark.

Hear Is one Voat that Is misPlaised that was Pased In our Annual Meeting on the Sixth of March In the year 1769.

It was voated that the Main Road through the town from Hopkintown to HillsBorough Should Be fore Rods Wide, and that all the other Roads Should Be two Rods wide and the Returns of Roads that the Select Men Brought In are all excepted.

Amos Goold town Clark.

FIRST MEETING-HOUSE.

Province of }
New Hampshire } Number Six October ye 22 1766.

We the under Subscribers being appointed a Comm-tee by the Prop-rs of said Number Six to fix some Convenient Place on the Senter Lott in said town to Build a Meeting hous on and for a buring Place and Comons for a training field &c. And the Place We have agried upon is at a hemlock tree Marked Where the Laid out highway Coms into said Lott thence Runing North twintey four Rhods, to a Stake marked, thence West twintey Rhods, to a Stake thence South twintey four Rhods to a Stake thence East twintey Rhods to the Bounds first Mentioned.

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| Eliakim How, | } Prop-rs } |
| Josiah Ward | |
| James Wallace | |
| Thomas Wallace | |

This committee was appointed at a meeting of the proprietors, of which there is no record. The first two upon the committee were residents of this town, the others of Londonderry.

The spot selected for the situation of the meeting-house was at the end of the road leading down Craney hill, and near where Hiram Green's barn now stands.

The following is an extract from the town records :

Henniker March 26th 1770.

A town Meeting held at the house of Adonijah tyler in said town

1^{ly} Jonas Bowman was Chose Moderator to Regulate said Meeting.

2^{ly} Voted to build a Meeting house.

3^{ly} Voted to build said house on the Clisby lot so called on the north side of the highway on the east side of said lot near the pot ash.

4^{ly} Voted that said house shall be thirty feet long and twenty feet wide.

5^{ly} Voted twenty dollars to build said house.

6^{ly} Ebenezer gile, thomas stone and William presbury is a Commete to see the work done of said house.

7^{ly} Voted that the men should have two shillings and six-pence per day and find themselves, lawful money that work on said house.

8^{ly} Voted that the burying place shall be upon the Senter lots

9^{ly} Voted Josiar Ward, Ezra tucker, Silas Barns is a Commete to lok out the spot of ground to bury the Ded in.

10^{ly} Voted that Josiar Ward should Dig the graves this year. this meeting is Dissolved this twenty six day of March.

A true copy of the meeting Drawn by me.

William Presbury town Clark.

These were the votes that were taken preparatory to building the meeting-house. The work was soon commenced. The walls were put up, but the roof was not put on till later in the season. The house was occupied for worship before the roof was put on. There is no record that the house was ever publicly dedicated. The population of the town was quite small—estimated at 175 persons in all—at this time. They were a good deal scattered, and comparatively poor; and the log meeting-house was as dear to them as are the more elegant churches of to-day to the congregations who worship therein.

And now let us go back and attend worship with those old settlers the first day the meeting-house was occupied. It was a beautiful Sabbath in June. Not a sound was heard save the gentle rustle of the leaves in the tree-tops. The air was soft and balmy. The occupants of the farm-houses were astir with the early dawn; and, after the necessary duties had been performed and preparations completed, a start

was made for the new meeting-house, which was to be occupied for the first time upon that day.

Nearly all were obliged to go on foot, for up to this time there were very few horses in town. The Harthorns, the Whitcombs, the Childses, the Gosses, and the Wadsworths came down and crossed the river at Dea. Harthorn's ferry, thence on down through the woods, by spotted trees, to the meeting-house. The Pattersons, the Smiths, and the Campbells came down through the woods where now stands the village, crossed the river at the lower ford, near the present site of Gutterson's mill, thence up through the woods to the meeting-house. From the south-west part of the town came down the Huses, the Howletts, the Presburys, and the Withingtons. From the south-east part came the Howes, the Bowmans, the Goulds, the Stones, the Giles, and the Tylers. From the north-east part came the Connors, the Peterses, the Dustons, and the Morrisons, who went down and crossed the river at the ford in the east part of the town. The population at this time was about 175, and fully two thirds are present to-day at the first meeting in the log meeting-house. With reverence they enter the house, which, although rough in its interior as well as its exterior, is to them a temple for the indwelling of the Most High.

Mr. Rice, in a fervent and impressive prayer, thanked God for what had been accomplished; that at last a place had been established in which his people could meet for worship. He recounted the toils and the trials of the undertaking, craving a continuance of his blessing upon their future labors.

The hymn was then read, and Samuel Mansfield, who was chosen by the town to tune the psalm, announced the tune to be sung, the whole congregation joining in the singing as the lines were "deaconed off" by Dea. Harthorn. There were no choirs then: all sang that could.

Mr. Rice then delivered a very appropriate and eloquent discourse, indoctrinating the minds of his hearers with

those grand old Puritanic principles, out of which grew the reverence for the Sabbath and religious things, and which united the hearts of all to do and dare for the right.

After an hour's intermission, during which friendly greetings were exchanged, like exercises were held in the afternoon, at the conclusion of which all repaired to their homes, the day having been a pleasant one to them all. No elegant marble cloistered church ever contained a more happy and devoted congregation than assembled in that rough log meeting-house, upon that beautiful Sabbath day, with no covering above their heads save the vault of heaven. No purer incense ever ascended than was the worship of that devout assembly upon that day.

This meeting-house was occupied for all religious meetings, and for all meetings of the town, until 1780, when, on or about the 19th of May, the evening of the "dark day," it was burned to the ground, having been fired, as is supposed, by an incendiary, as no fire had ever been in the house save a little that had been carried in in little foot-stoves, which were then in use by those who could afford them.

At the annual meeting held in the meeting-house March 4, 1771, the town

Voted that they would allow all the freeholders in town to act in meeting.

Voted not to raise any money for scholling :

put to voat to see what the town would allow the Selectmen for the year past for thare Searvis, and Nothing was votted.

At the annual meeting held March 2, 1772, the town

Voted to let the Hogs run at large this year.

April 13, 1772, the town

Voted to Bulde a Pound on Silas Barns Clisby lot so Called on the nole Before the meeting house there to stand that Pound is to be Bult thirty Feete Long and wide, and seven Feete high, to be bult by the middle of May next, the town let it out to Si-

las Barns to Buld & agreed to give Him one pound Nineteen Shillings for Bulding of it.

From the settlement of the town until 1773, all town-meetings were warned by a constable after the following manner :

By Varty of a Warrant Directed to me from the Selectmen of this town, I warn and notifie all the free holders and the Inhabitence of this town to meet at the house of Silas Barns, in the town aforesaid on Monday the Eight Day of January next at one of the Clock on the afternoon then and their to act upon the articles.

Jonas Bowman
Constable.

The return upon the warrant was as follows :

Henniker December ye 23 1769.

By Varty of a warrant, I have warned all the free holders and the other Inhabitence to meet at time and place for me

Jonas Bowman
Constable.

After this time the selectmen generally warned the meetings direct, as is now the manner of doing.

All orders for moneys to be paid in behalf of the town were paid by the constable instead of through the treasurer, as now.

CHAPTER VI.

SOME VOTES DURING THE REVOLUTION—FIRST BRIDGE
ACROSS THE RIVER—BUILDING A NEW MEETING-HOUSE.

AT a meeting legally warned to meet “May ye 11th,
1775,” Article 2 was

To see if the town will choose a Depaty or Depaties to go to Exeter the 17th Day of this instant, May, to meet the Provintial Congress to Consult measures to Restore and Improve our Rights of the American Colony.

Chose Timothy Gibson to attend on the Provintial Congress at Exeter ye 17 Instant.

At a legal meeting held Tuesday, May 23, 1775,—

Chose Lieut Jonas Bowman to go to Amherst to Joyn the County Congress.

At a meeting held March 21, 1776,—

Voted, that we recomend Timothy Gibson to the General Assembly for a Justis of the Peace.

Mr. Gibson was the first justice of the peace in the town. Rev. James Scales was a justice, and executed all the business coming before him in the town.

At a meeting held March 3, 1777,—

Voted to pay the men that went to Cambridge on the alarram in April 1775, the saim wages and Rations that other Solgers have.

At a meeting held April 1, 1777,—

Voted to assess the Town to Raise money to hire Nine abel Bodied men for the Continental service.

Voted to allow those that have Done anything in the American Sirvice for the Time they have Bin in the Sirvice.

Voted to chose a Committee to Procure Nine Men the Committee consisted of Capt Jonas Bowman, Lieut Wadsworth, Lieut Campbell, Capt Ward, Capt How, Lieut Lewis, Lieut Tucker, Phinehas Ward Elijah Rice.

Voted to give fifty Dolars and No More to each Man that shall Enlist for three years.

This meeting then adjourned until April 7, 1777, when it was

Voted to Trye further to ingege the men for three years.

Voted to reconsider the Vote that the Committee shall not give No more than fifty Dolars.

Voted that the Committee be Diricted to Hire the men if Posabel they may be had and lay it Before the Town for exceptance.

Voted that all above sixteen years old shall Be subject to Pay Rates to Raise the money to Hire the 3 year men for the Continental service.

Voted to dismiss the Committee that was chosen to hire men for the Continental army.

Voted to chose a Committee of five to Hire the men and also the money to pay the Consideration that the Town gave to incoridge the men to enlist.

Voted that Capt Bowman, Lieut Goold, Lieut Wadsworth, Lieut Lewis Ensign Elijah Rice Be a Committee to Hire the Nine men for the Continental service and to hire the money in Behalf of the Town if wanted.

Two meetings were afterwards held to see if the town would reconsider the votes that had been passed, which they steadily refused to do, and at a meeting held May 8, 1777, the committee appointed to procure the men made the following report :

We the subscribers, Being Chosen a Committee to Procure Nine abel Bodied men for the Continental sirvice Have to the utmost of our power used Every method Practical to procure said men, and that 3 of s^d men Have Ingaged and Paid By Privat Persons in this Town uppon this Return we do Here By say that we Cannot Serve the Town any Longer in this Capacity.

Henniker May ye 8th 1777

Jonas Bowman Saml Wadsworth Joseph Lewis Elijah Rice.

May 9, 1777, a meeting was held at which it was

Voted to Have 3 for a Committee to Hire the men and raise the money for the three years men on the town Cost.

Voted That Tim^o Gibson, David Campbell, and Ezra Tucker Be a Committee to Raise the men and money on the Towns Cost.

Voted to Have 5 for a Committee to allow those men that Have Don anything in the American Service.

Voted Nathaniel Joslin, Ebenezer Harriman, also Hon. Joseph Patterson and Abel Gibson Be a Committee to allow the men that Have Don anything in the American Service and Bring it Before the Town for Exceptance.

Voted to Impower the Committee Chosen to Raise the 3 year men to Hire more men if Required for the Service this Summer and Charge it to the town.

June 16, 1777,—

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee that was Chosen to allow the men that Have done anything in the service and Bring it Before the Town.

Voted that the Committee shall give Sartificates Acording to their Reporte for such services as they shall make appeir Just who shall receive them in order to Git order from the Selectmen on the Constable.

The following is the report of the above committee :

Henniker June 7, 1777.

It is the opinion of us the subscribers, a committee to enquire into the service of the several Persons Belonging to s^d Town of Henniker that have served in the service of the United States since April ye 19th 1775, Be Allowed as followeth, viz :

Those that served in the Campaign at runter Hill [Bunker hill] in the 17th do 1775 18s. each Pa^r month.

Those at Portsmouth, 12s. each Pa^r month.

those that Served at New York on Ticonderoga 18s. each Pa^r month.

Nathaniel Joslin,
Ebenezer Harriman,
Otes How,
Abel Gibson.

At a meeting held March ye 2^d 1778 Capt Jonas Bowman was chosen Clark of ye market.

Capt Aaron Adams was chosen Constable and he paid his fine.

Then Chose Lieut Ezra Tucker and said Tucker hired James Joslin to serve for him and the Town accepted him.

At a legal meeting held April 13, 1778,—

Chose Timothy Gibson to sit in Convention at Concord the thirteenth of June next for the purpose of forming and laying a form of government for the future happiness and well being of the People of this State.

February 3, 1778, a meeting was held, at which it was

Voated to reconsider the voates passed on the first day of April 1777 and all other votes passed at Different times since on that artical.

Voated to leave the Melitia affairs to the Selectmen and Committee of Safety to examine into the services Don by the Inhabitence of said Town in the Continental and State Service, and Call upon such as are behind till all are maid equal with each other in services.

The “dark day” occurred May 19, 1780. In this town the darkness was intense, and the people were much alarmed at the terrible calamity that seemed impending. The darkness of the night following was made all the more appalling by the burning of the log meeting-house between the hours of ten and twelve, the flames from which illumined the heavens in a weird and strange manner.

FIRST BRIDGE ACROSS THE RIVER.

At a legal meeting held at the house of Timothy Gibson, June 26, 1780,—

Voated to Build a Bridge over the river in the Senter or the Nearest Convenient Place.

Voated that a Commity be raised to Refix the place whare the Bridge Shall Be Built when the Senter is found.

Voated that this Commity apply to A workman, and the Commity and the workman shall determine the Place where the Bridge shall Be Built.

Chose Moses Conner, Robert Wallace, John Putney, Otis How, Daniel Rice a Commity.

This committee examined the banks of the river from Dea. Harthorn's ferry down to the lower ford, and at a legal meeting, held Sept. 5, 1780, they reported three places—one at Dea. Harthorn's ferry, one at the Centre, and one at the lower ford; the town, after discussing the matter fully,—

Voted that of these places the Commity think the Middle Place is the most convenient, But Providing that cannot Be made Passable The Lower Place to be the Place for the Bridge.

Voted to raise Three Thousand Pounds for Building This Bridge.

Voted to allow Forty Dollars pr Day.

Chose John Putney, Moses Connor, Cap Bowman Peter How Eben Harriman a Commity to have the care of Building the Bridge.

Voted that this Commity go about this Bridge as soon as they can and finish it this fall if possible, This Commity to call upon the Surveyors for as many men as They Need.

October 19, the same year, the town

Voted to Raise Six Thousand Pounds In addition To what is Already Raised in order To Complete the Bridge over the River.

Voted to Raise Seven Hundred and Forty Dollars for Rum that was expended in Raising the Bridge.

These sums seem almost fabulous, but they dwindle to very small ones when we remember the almost worthlessness of the paper money. In 1775 it required 104 pounds of paper money to pay 100 pounds in silver. Money constantly depreciated until this month of June, 1780, when it required 5,700 pounds of paper money to pay for 100 pounds of silver. In 1781, one year later, it required 12,000 pounds of paper money to pay for 100 pounds in silver.

The bridge was built across the river a little westerly of the present stone bridge. An abutment of stone was built in the middle of the river; stone piers were also built at each end; upon these rested long "stringers," made of heavy pine, which was then so abundant.

Extraordinary demands being made upon the town for more men and money, further work upon the bridge was postponed until 1782, when the bridge was planked with plank which were sawed by Edwards at his mill, situated on the north side of the road just across the bridge, above the house of George E. Barnes. The bridge was finished with what used to be called "figures;"—these were posts set upon each side at regular intervals, to which the railing of the bridge was bolted. The bridge was a wonder and a curiosity, and people travelling went out of their way often to cross it, that they might say they had crossed the new bridge.

In 1789 the bridge was repaired, it having been injured by a freshet in the spring.

In 1790 the bridge was considered unsafe for travel, and the town voted to build it over, contract the job, and pay for it in grain. Rye was taken at four shillings and corn at five shillings per bushel, and Timothy Gibson, Capt. Campbell, and Moses Connor were chosen a committee to finish the bridge. It was also voted that those who did not pay in grain should pay cash.

It was again partially rebuilt and repaired in 1811. David Campbell, Abel Connor, and Phinehas Campbell were chosen a committee to make the necessary repairs.

In the spring of 1818, this bridge was swept away by a freshet, the middle pier knocked down, and the south abutment seriously damaged. At a meeting held immediately after, the town voted to "build a new Pier in the river, a new south abutment, and put on a new Bridge," which was done, the bridge being similar to the others that had been carried away. The committee to superintend the work were Samuel Eastman, Abel Baker, and Abel Connor.

With repairs at different times this bridge stood until 1835, when it was again swept away, and the present stone bridge was built.

At a meeting of the town, held in the barn of Jason Kemp, July 2, 1781,—

Voted to Raise sixty pounds in hard money to pay the Soldiers.

Voted that Those that Chose it may Pay their rates in Grane at five and three pence per Bushel To Be Paid By the fourteenth of October.

Voted to Raise one hundred and eighty Pounds Lawful To Pay for the Beef for the army.

At a meeting held in the same place, Sept. 19, 1781,—

Voted to Raise Money To Procure the Rum to be Purchased By this Town.

Voted to Raise forty-six Dollars and an half To Purchase said Rum.

A good many votes were passed near the close of the war in regard to those who had moved into town during the war, to devise some means by which they should be required to pay a sum sufficient to make them equal with those who lived in town at its commencement. This was finally adjusted by their paying their equal share of the expenses of the war, and assuming their share of the debt of the town.

At a legal meeting, held Jan. 21, 1782, the acceptance or rejection of the plan of government that had been formed at Concord, for the state, was voted upon.

Voted against their Being But 50 members in the house of Representatives.

Voted that every man of Lawful age Being an Inhabitant and a Free holder Shall Be a Voter in All Town Meetings.

Voted That every town of one hundred families Shall have the Liberty of Chosing their melitia offercers.

The votes given in these pages are only examples of a large number that were passed during the war. The people were sorely puzzled at times as to what course to pursue. What seemed best at one time soon proved to be the wrong thing, and out of this continual anxiety to do what was for the

best, grew the fact that so many different votes were passed and then reconsidered. With so many calls for men, the large number that were almost continually in the service, together with the almost worthlessness of the paper money, and the large amount of grain they were required to furnish, it is a wonder amounting almost to a miracle that they carried the town so safely through the war, and caused it to take so high a position for the patriotism and energy displayed in those terrible scenes it was called to pass through.

In the meantime, all the meetings, both religious and business, were held in different houses, and in mild weather in barns and in the open air. At a meeting held Sept. 23, 1783,—

Voted To Chuse A Man To Tune the Psalm in Public Exercises. Chose Sam^l Mansfield.

At a meeting held April 28, 1783, a committee was chosen, with instructions to employ a surveyor, and find the centre of the town, “that decision to stand as such.”

At a meeting held Oct. 28, 1783,—

Voted to clear fourteen acers on the Senter Lot on the Plane Neare the North end of said Lot.

At the same meeting it was voted to build a meeting-house, and then

Voted to Build the Meeting House 60 feet Long and 45 feet wide and Pourches at each end of it.

Chose Cap How, Cap Bowman, Moses Connor, Lt Robert Wallace, Tim^o Gibson, Esq. Deac. Harthorn, Lt Campbell to Consult on what Measures Best To Build the Meeting House and Make a report hereafter To the Town.

Chose Elijah Rice, Moses Connor, John Smith A Commtty To procure Shingles for the Meeting House, the Shingles are not to Be more than fifteen inches Long.

Voted that the Commtty Consisting of seven, have the whole Care of the Senter Lot and Procure Slitwork for the Meeting House.

Another meeting was immediately held, at which these votes were all reconsidered, and a committee of three chosen to select a place upon which to build a meeting-house, who made their report at a meeting of the town held Oct. 27, 1783, as follows :

Henniker October ye 27th 1783.

We the Subscribers Being Chosen By the Town of Henniker A Commtty To Examine and agree Where a Meeting house Should Be Set To Commode the s^d Town of Henniker we have this Day accordingly Met & Examined all curcumstances which was in our power and we Beg Leave to reporte that it is our oppinnion that it is the Best Place To Set said Meeting House To Commode Said Town in Neare the North end of said Senter Lot on the Plane where it was told us they held their Last Town meeting By Adjournment which is our sollom oppinnion. Stevens Harriman, Francis Davis, Sam^l Philbrick, Commtty.

There was a difference of opinion as to the place where the new meeting-house should be placed. Some were in favor of building it near the spot occupied by the log meeting-house ; others were in favor of the Centre lot. To prevent ill feelings, the whole matter was finally left to a committee of three, residents of Warner, and the above is the report of this committee.

This report, though accepted by the town as a final settlement of the vexed question at that time, was, at a meeting held Feb. 17, 1784, set aside, and the town voted *not* to confirm it. At the same meeting,—

Voted To Build the Meeting House 50 feet long and 40 wide.

This vote was soon after reconsidered, and no farther action was taken until Jan. 9, 1786, when the town

Voted to Build a Meeting House.

The meeting then adjourned for two days, and when met,—

Voted To Let out the Meeting House frame by the Job ready for Raising.

Voted to have three for a Committee to let out the Meeting House frame.

Voted to have Cap Bowman, Lt David Campbell, Joseph Gibson for this Committee.

Voted that the Committee Let out the Meeting House frame By Publick Vendue.

The frame was let, and at a meeting held Aug. 30, 1786,—

Voted To Make an addition to the Meeting House five feet in length and to allow twelve dollars for it.

Voted that the Committee Chose to Let out the Meeting house Stand in the Place Still and raise the Meeting house and Provide for raising.

Voted to add Deac. Harthorn and Moses Connor to the Committee.

Voted to Provide *three Barrels of Rum* to raise the Meeting house with.

The house was raised in three days, men being employed by the committee for the purpose. Nothing was done save raising the frame, until March 5, 1787, when the town

Voted to Board and Shingle and underpin and Lay the floor and Make the Doors to the Meeting house this season.

At this meeting the town voted to pay the men who assisted in the raising of the house, and for providing for those who executed the task. Among other items paid for,—

Voted Gideon Adams 1£—4s. for Sugar.

Voted Sam Kimball 5£—15s. for Beef.

Voted Dr. Hunter 12£—5s.—1 2-4P. for 93 Gallons and quarter of Rum and three Barrels.

The work upon the building was pushed forward with due diligence, and the first meeting held in it was on Nov. 14, 1787, for the purpose of choosing a grand and a petit jury. There were as yet no pews in the building, but meetings of various kinds soon began to be held in it, seats being improvised by placing rough boards upon blocks of wood.

At a meeting of the town, held in the new meeting-house March 31, 1788, the town

Voted to sell the Pew ground in the meeting house to finish it.

A committee was chosen to mark off the pews, and make a report in the May following. This committee made a report May 26, 1788, and the town voted that the alley at each end of the meeting-house should be three feet wide, and to lay the floor upon which to build the pews, and that they should be sold in June following. The terms for the sale of the pews were, one quarter in three months, and the other three quarters in three months each.

The town also chose a committee to clear some land above the meeting-house, for as yet it was a forest from the river up to the old burial-ground on the Connor hill. The committee were instructed to clear a piece from the meeting-house up to the burying-ground; also to clear a piece east of the meeting-house. The purchasers had the privilege of paying one quarter of the value of their pews in neat stock at cash prices.

At the same meeting all of these votes were reconsidered, and the town voted to see the pews built. They also voted to give Rev. Mr. Rice a pew for himself and his heirs, but it was not transferable. The town also voted that the number of the pew, the price paid for the same, and the name of the purchaser, should be recorded in the town records. No such record can be found. They sold for good prices, for in 1798 Timothy Gibson sold the "right hand Pew at the front door" to Benjamin Jacobs for sixty dollars.

At the annual meeting in March, 1801, Jonas Bowman, Thomas Brown, and Phinehas Campbell were chosen a committee "to see that the Meeting House was underpinned with hewn Stone, handsomely and decently," and liberty was given persons who wished to build sheds near the meeting-house under the direction of the selectmen.

This house was erected in the most fashionable and approved style of those early days. It was built high-posted, with a gallery running around both ends and one side, the first step of which was finished with "bench seats," which, after a while, were occupied by the singers. The second step was finished with pews like the ground floor of the building. The pews above and below were square, with the seats on hinges, so that the same might be turned up during prayer, when the whole congregation remained standing. An aisle led around the body of the house inside of the first tier of pews; another aisle passed through the centre of the house. A porch was at each end, provided with doors for admission, and the stairways leading to the galleries commenced in them. The pulpit was placed midway the building, on the north side.

In front of the pulpit, and as the ascent to it began, were the "deacons' seats," elevated like the pews. In this narrow slip usually sat the two venerable deacons. Back of the deacons' seats, and some twelve inches higher, were the "ruling elders' seats," being larger than the deacons' seats, and nearly square. These were usually occupied by the "ruling elders" of the society. They were immediately in front of and adjoining the pulpit, over which hung the "sounding-board," made in imitation of a bell, though cased up entirely. This was made of thin boards, and was suspended by a rod passing through a beam overhead, fastened by an iron nut. It was thought to be of great use in assisting the speaker beneath it in being heard plainer—an opinion not very generally concurred in. Its greatest purpose seemed to be to serve as an object upon which to rivet the eyes of the younger portion of the congregation, upon the Sabbath, who expected every moment to see it come tumbling down upon the head of the devoted preacher beneath it.

The pews were finished with little wooden pins, turned quite neatly, and enclosed in an upper and lower board. The stillness of the service was often broken by the creak-

ing of these pins, as the little folks, weary with sitting so still, turned them round and round.

The *hour-glass* was used upon the preacher's desk for many years in this house, and very often it ran down,—was turned up, and nearly ran down again,—before the discourse was ended. Around the pulpit, and near the top, innumerable little blocks, one inch in length, were glued to the main work ; similar blocks, but larger, were, in the same manner, fastened around the galleries, for finish. At the end of the gallery, on each side, and on the first step, a little square pew was finished, in which the colored people usually sat during worship. This house was occupied, more or less, upon the Sabbath, for nearly half a century.

Ephraim Goss and Jacob Patterson drew the logs “by the job,” from which to hew the frame and saw the lumber. The latter was sawed at a mill which was occupied and owned by Daniel Kimball, and stood near the present site of Mr. Gutterson's mill. Mr. Goss laid all the plastering of the house. The iron “scroll-work” over the sounding-board was made by David Clough, who was a blacksmith, and a prominent man of the town.

CHAPTER VII.

SHAKERS—COURT-HOUSE—FIRST ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT—VOTE UPON AMENDMENTS—FIRST INVENTORY RECORDED—MAP OF THE TOWN—POUNDS—POST GUIDES—FIRE AT PORTSMOUTH—THIEVING—SALE OF LAND FOR TAXES—NEW COUNTY—VOTES OF THE TOWN—EDUCATION OF THOMAS BROWN, DEAF MUTE—TOWN'S POOR—INTOXICATING LIQUORS.

IN the summer of 1784 a few persons came into town who called themselves "Shakers." They camped in the south-east part of the town, with a view, it was said, of purchasing a large tract of land, if possible, on Noyes hill, upon which to establish one or more "families," as they styled their numbers living together. They were described as innocent, honest people; but their manner of living in families together, and their mode of worship, were so entirely different from anything the early settlers had seen or heard of, that they were closely watched. Land was refused them upon which to settle, and, finally, a determination was manifested to drive them from the town. At a meeting, held Sept. 21, 1784, the town

Voted To Due something relative To those People Called Shakering Quakers.

Voted to Chosse a Commity to take care of the Shakering Quakers.

Chose Cap How, James Wallace, Elisha Barnes, John Goodenow, Sam^l Kimball for the Commity.

Voted that any person not being Town Resident Shall have no Residence in this Town of the Denomination of Shakering Quakers.

Voted that we will not have any Dealings with the Shakering Quakers Living in this town.

Voted that they shall not strool about the Town without giving an account to the Commity if Called on Tue.

These people left town soon after this meeting was held, and nevermore returned. Perhaps the town lost a valuable acquisition to its population, for this class of people, wherever they have settled, have maintained the reputation of being an honest, industrious, and thrifty people. They contemplated the purchase of the entire land on Noyes hill.

COURT-HOUSE.

In 1791, Hillsborough county, in which this town was classed, was divided into two "half-shires." Amherst had, as yet, been the county seat. The people residing in the north part of the county were desirous of having a shire town in this part of the county, and the people of this town had an eye to the location of the new court-house in this town. In 1792 a county committee was chosen to decide upon the shire town for the north part of the county. This town chose, as a committee to confer with the county committee, Timothy Gibson, Jonas Bowman, and William Wallace. These three were all able men, and enjoyed the confidence of the town to its fullest extent. They met the committee, together with committees from other towns. The eastern part of the county desired Concord for the location; the western part, Henniker. As a compromise between the two, Hopkinton was selected, and the business was done there for a large number of years. This town, at that time, contained some of the ablest men in the county, and many of them were known throughout the state as among its most reliable and intelligent citizens.

FIRST ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT.

At a meeting held Dec. 15, 1788, the town voted for the first time for electors of president and vice-president, and

for members of congress. There were 131 votes for the electors, of which the electors favorable to the election of George Washington received 19 votes; all others, 10.

VOTE UPON AMENDMENTS.

May 7, 1792, a meeting was held to vote upon the amendments to the state constitution, which had been recommended by a state convention held at Concord the winter previous, of which Judge Robert Wallace was the delegate from this town.

Seventy-two amendments were proposed. But little interest was manifested in the matter, the highest vote cast being only twenty-one, and the smallest two. Forty of the amendments were accepted, twenty-five rejected, and the remainder a tie vote.

FIRST INVENTORY RECORDED.

In 1800 the first record of the inventory was made upon the town records. The taxes this year amounted to \$1,369.32. Capt. Aaron Adams paid the highest tax, his being \$39.97; Major Robert Wallace the next highest, \$17.72. There were 251 taxable persons in town. At this time, pounds, shillings, and pence were done away with, and dollars and cents made their appearance.

MAP OF THE TOWN.

At the annual meeting in 1805, the town, in compliance with an act of the legislature of the year previous, authorizing the different towns of the state to have a survey and an accurate map made of each town,—

Voted to allow William Wallace Esq, ten dollars as a full compensation for taking an accurate survey of the town of Henicker, and making out a map of the same, said map to be furnished seasonably, so that the selectmen may forward the same to the Secretary of State agreeably to the provisions of the Act.

Mr. Wallace obligated himself to furnish the map by the time specified, or himself pay any fine that the town might be subjected to, in consequence of any failure upon his part in executing the business. He made an accurate survey, and completed the map, which is now in the secretary of state's office at Concord.

By this survey, the town was found to be 2,152 rods in length upon its east and west lines, and 2,013 rods upon its north and south lines; or seven sixteenths of a mile longer from north to south than from east to west. The whole number of acres of land and water is 26,496 $\frac{1}{2}$.

POUNDS.

The first pound, or enclosure in which to put estrays, was built near the log meeting-house, and was used a large number of years. Attempts had been made to build one near the old burial-ground, on the Connor hill, and near where is now the south end of the stone bridge. The town, at a meeting held in the fall of 1808, voted to build a new pound, of stone. A committee of three was chosen to locate and build the same. The spot selected was near the present residence of H. A. Rice. There the pound was built during that season, and it has been in use ever since.

POST GUIDES.

At this same meeting the selectmen were authorized "to erect as many Post Guides as they may think proper." This was the first commencement of placing "guide-boards" or "finger-marks" at the corners where two or more roads met. They were built under an act of the legislature, requesting the towns to do the same. "Post-guides" were placed in different parts of the town, and have ever since been used, more or less, of different patterns and descriptions. One was placed on the Connor hill at the intersection of the roads, upon the post of which "Intentions of Marriage"

were posted for years, under a requirement of the law for so doing. It was required to remain upon the post for the space of three weeks, and a fine was imposed for disturbing the same.

FIRE AT PORTSMOUTH.

Near the close of the year 1813, a terrible conflagration occurred at Portsmouth, this state, destroying over four hundred buildings. So intense was the fire that it was said the reflection of the light from the clouds was visible as far as the westerly side of this state, and even into Vermont. It was plainly visible from this town. Large contributions were sent to the sufferers from all quarters. This town, with its accustomed generosity, contributed very liberally, through its leading citizens and many others. The following letter will best express the action of the people of this town :

Portsmouth Feby 21st 1814.

The Committee appointed to receive & distribute donations, have received of the Hon. Joshua Darling, Two hundred and Sixty one dollars, sixty eight cents, for the relief of the sufferers by the late fire in this town.

For this highly liberal act of truly Christian benevolence, we present, in behalf of the distressed, our grateful thanks and acknowledgements to the generous donors with our assurances that in the distribution thereof, it shall be our endeavor to promote the charitable purpose for which it was bestowed.

John Goddard,

In behalf of the Committee.

THIEVING.

A meeting was called Sept. 29, 1815, to see what method the town would take to put a stop to thieving, which had become so prevalent as to seriously injure the good name of the town, and to cause a good deal of anxiety upon the part of the better portion of the people. At this meeting the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, that the Inhabitants of the town of Henniker have witnessed with extreme regret, The precarious, Wicked and

highly Criminal offense of horse stealing, which to the great injury of many of its citizens, has lately increased to an alarming degree.

Resolved, that the Town most pointedly disapproves of such flagitious, and criminal practices. That they will use their individual, and associate exertions for the purpose of detecting and punishing such offences as the law directs.

The determination of the people, as expressed in these resolutions, deterred criminals from any further depredations, and the town soon settled into its former quiet.

SALE OF LAND FOR TAXES.

More or less land had been sold for taxes every year. We give an instance of the manner in which it was done. In 1817, Abel Connor was collector of taxes, who discharged his duty not only that year, but all others, very promptly. He gave notice that upon such a day, unless payment should be made, "he would sell at the store of Mr. Asa Kimball, on the fourth day of June next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, Moses Emerson's Land (Non Resident) in Lot No. 4, Range 12, consisting of fifty acres, upon which were levied, State Tax 22 cts; County Tax 11 cts; Town Tax 69 cts; Highway Tax 1.04 cts." The auction was held at the time and place aforesaid, and the property offered for sale and sold. The taxes amounted to \$2.48, and the costs to \$8.87. To make this transaction valid, it was necessary to prove that the requisite notice had been given according to the law. The following certificate was the proof:

I hereby certify, that this advertisement was posted up Publicly over my *mantle tree*, in my store, and stood till the day of sale.

Asa Kimball.

At the annual meeting in 1820, the town voted upon the formation of a new county, the town being within the limits of Hillsborough county. The vote of the town stood six in favor of the new county, and one hundred and forty-one against it. The legislature in 1821 formed a new county

out of Hillsborough and Rockingham, subject to a vote of the people. The project was defeated, the vote of this town being four in favor to ninety-nine against. The town at the same meeting voted unanimously in favor of dividing Hillsborough county for the purpose of registering deeds, etc.

1820. The town, at this date, had reached the highest number of people it had yet contained, and a larger number than any census has since shown. The population this year was 1,900. There were 375 voters in town, yet the whole vote for electors this year, as will be seen by a reference to the electoral table, was only 47. The number of scholars this year was 721. There were then ten school-districts in town. The proportion to each scholar of the school-money was \$1.14. District No. 1 contained 106 scholars; No. 2, 45; No. 3, 70; No. 4, 81; No. 5, 69; No. 6, 41; No. 7, 72; No. 8, 162; No. 9, 34; No. 10, 44; and 10 schooled in other towns. There were then 26 highway districts. The amount of taxes this year was \$3,133.79. The state tax was \$347.82; county tax, \$211.22.

At the laying out of the town, as will be remembered, quite an amount of land was reserved, between the range-ways, for the building of roads. At the annual meeting this year the town instructed the selectmen to claim, in behalf of the town, all land so surveyed that had not been appropriated to that purpose. This vote was reconsidered, as the town did not see its way clear to prosecute such a claim, and the same meeting

Voted to consult some eminent attorney upon the matter, and Hon. Joshua Darling was chosen as an Agent to do so.

1823. For some three years previous to this date, the town had appropriated a small sum yearly, to assist in educating Thomas Brown (deaf mute) at Hartford, Conn., in the institution which had been established there for the education of deaf mutes. The legislature of this state, in 1822, appropriated a sum to be expended at that institution

“in educating such Deaf Mutes from this state as might desire an education.” This obviated the necessity of any further appropriation by the town for this purpose.

The town, at its annual meeting this year, passed the following resolution :

Resolved: that the Town highly approve of the benevolent and laudable feelings that have actuated individuals in the establishment of an institution calculated to enable those who are destitute of hearing and speaking, to improve their minds and qualify them to enjoy the pleasures of social intercourse, and perform the duties of common life; and that we experience much satisfaction in witnessing the improvement made at said Institution by Thomas Brown, of Henniker, and have reason to commend the fidelity and zeal of those engaged in the management and superintendence of the same.

An act creating Merrimack county was approved July 1, of this year; and this town, which had been within the limits of Hillsborough county since its settlement, a period of *sixty-two years*, now became the south-western town of the new county. The last jurors to serve in Hillsborough county were “Lt. David Cogswell, Grand Juror, Lt. Joseph Wadsworth and Joseph Hussey Petit Jurors for the April term, 1823.” The first jurors to serve in the new county were John Campbell, grand juror, and Jasper Temple and Capt. Israel Adams, petit jurors.

1824. The question as to how the “town’s poor” could be best provided for, began to be strongly agitated. Up to this time the custom had been to sell the maintenance of the poor to the lowest bidder. This was thought by many to be a custom that ought to be abolished: some wished to purchase a farm where all could be provided for together. After much discussion, the matter was left discretionary with the selectmen to let the poor all to one person or not. The selectmen were chosen a committee to report to the next annual meeting the best means of supporting the poor. To this committee were added Artemas Rogers, Joshua Darling, and Robert M. Wallace.

1825. Hopkinton had long been a half-shire town in Hillsborough county, and being desirous of still remaining one for the new county, the matter was submitted to the people for their acceptance or rejection. The vote of this town was sixty-four in favor to three against it. The town this year, for the first time,—

Voted to raise a winter tax, equal to the summer tax, for the purpose of breaking roads if needed.

1826. The 4th of July of this year marked a half century from the birth of the nation, and upon this day John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, two of its founders and presidents, died. Celebrations were held throughout the country in honor of the day, and this town, with its usual patriotism, noticed the day with an extensive celebration.

On the 28th of August, this year, a terrible storm of wind and rain occurred. An immense amount of damage was done throughout the state. This town suffered severely. The many little brooks became rivers, sweeping away the bridges over them, and swelling the Contoocook to a higher mark than ever known before or since. The roads were badly washed, and for some days all travel was suspended. The town held a meeting Sept. 14, and instructed the selectmen "to let out to the lowest bidder the repairing of the roads and bridges that had been damaged by this freshet."

1827. The first persons known as "overseers of the poor" were chosen this year. Oliver Noyes, Abel Connor, and Isaac Rice were chosen. A very stringent license law was passed this year by the legislature, under which the selectmen licensed Asa Kimball, Page Eaton, Nathaniel Noyes, Greenleaf Noyes, Robert M. Wallace, Carlos H. Gould, and Levi Kemp, 3d, "to mix and sell all kinds of spirituous liquors." The license fee was from two to twenty dollars per year. Some of these men were traders, and some keepers of hotels. The lowest license fee, two dollars, was for any one wishing to sell upon muster-days or any holiday.

1830. The town was now in a prosperous condition. The census of this year showed a little decrease in the population of the town, and a slight falling off of its number of scholars. Still, business of all kinds was good, and the town stood high in its reputation as a farming town, and for the enterprise of its inhabitants. Only three towns in the county equalled it in valuation.

1831. At the annual meeting this year the town adopted the following resolutions, presented by Hon. Joshua Darling:

Resolved, That our Selectmen be authorized and directed not to approbate and approve of any more persons exercising the business of tavern keeping in this town than the public interest and accommodation requires.

Resolved, That the Selectmen be particularly cautious not to give a Tavern License to any person or persons whom they think have not the requisite qualifications, and who will not in good faith occupy their trust as tavern keepers according to law.

Resolved, That the Selectmen, who are placed as Custodians of the publick morals, shall exercise supervisory discretion and oversight over all licensed houses, and when, from undoubted testimony, any licensed person shall contravene the laws in regard to publick houses, and thereby endanger the peace, good order, and publick morals of the good citizens of this town, they shall revoke and disannul such license and cause the same to be published by written advertisement under their hands.

Resolved, That the Selectmen shall not License any store keeper, or any other person other than taverners, to sell any spirituous liquors, mixed or otherwise, in any less quantity than one pint, and that not to be drunk in their store or buildings.

Resolved, That the Selectmen shall not License any person for selling spirituous liquors, for less term than one year.

Resolved, That the Selectmen shall not license any Showman for publick amusements, which tends, not only to drain our pockets, but corrupts and contaminates the morals of our youth, except such as exhibit the noble works of God, and are calculated to enlarge and ennoble the minds of our youth in the knowledge in natural history, or the acquisition of a taste for the fine arts.

1832. At the annual meeting of this year, Abel Connor,

Joshua Darling, Isaac Rice, Nathaniel Chase, and Levi Colby were chosen a committee to take into consideration the best method of taking care of the town's poor, and report to the town as soon as convenient. They reported the same day that "in their opinion the town should adopt preparatory measures for the permanent support of their paupers as soon as may be convenient." A new committee was chosen, to carry this report into effect, which consisted of Joshua Darling, Artemas Rogers, Thomas Tucker, Abel Connor, and Moses Brown. This committee made a report to the town, at a meeting held Nov. 5, as follows :

The Committee appointed by the town at the last annual meeting, to consult upon measures for the more permanent and uniform provision for such as might call for public assistance in their support, recommend the purchase of a farm for that purpose.

We have endeavored to obtain correct information as to the result of this experiment in various places, where it has been tried, and have ascertained that it has been invariably successful in a great saving of public expense. The belief is now so generally prevalent that this mode of providing for the poor is attended with greater advantages than any other that has been practised, that very many towns are preparing to adopt it. In some places, the income of the farm has exceeded the pauper expenses, and, in all, the taxes for this object, have been reduced nearly or quite one half. We see no reason to doubt that the result of the experiment in Henniker would be as favorable as it has been in other places ; and should laws be enacted in New Hampshire, that publick good seems to demand, to render such establishments places for discipline for the dissolute and idle, in the several towns and districts where they may be located, and thus dry up the fountains of pauperism, the benefit would be much increased.

The Committee recommend, that the selectmen be authorized and required, to adopt such measures as may be proper to ascertain what farms can be purchased, and on what terms, and report to the town at its next annual meeting.

The selectmen made a report of their proceedings as to the matter of purchasing a town farm for the support of the poor. What their report was is not upon record. The town

Voted that it is inexpedient at present to purchase a farm on which to support town paupers.

1834. This was a year of unusual activity in the town. Three meeting-houses were built this year,—one by the Congregationalists, one by the Baptists, and one by the Methodists over the river. Besides these, the town repaired the town-house. During this year, the plans and purposes for building a stone bridge at the centre of the town, across the river, were discussed. [See Stone Bridge.]

1835. This year was noted for the building of the stone bridge. A committee was chosen to again take into consideration the matter of purchasing a “poor-farm.”

1836. At the annual meeting this year, the committee appointed, having in charge the subject of a poor-farm, made the following report :

That the Town of Henniker purchase a Farm for the support of their Poor during this season, to come into possession the ensuing fall.

That a committee of three be appointed to look out and purchase said farm. That the Ministerial and School Funds, amounting to about \$2,100, be and is hereby appropriated in part paying for said Poor Farm, to be refunded back whenever said fund shall be called for by a majority of the town.

That the Literary fund, now amounting to about \$1,250, be also taken and appropriated toward the residue of said Farm and furnishing and stocking the same, to be refunded whenever a majority of the legal voters in said Town shall demand the same.

March 9th 1836.

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| John Sawyer, | } | Committee. |
| Charles Barker, | | |
| Abel Connor, | | |
| Joshua Darling, | | |
| Joshua Colby, | | |

A committee, consisting of John Sawyer, Abel Connor, and John Campbell, were appointed to purchase a farm at once, which they did, purchasing of John and Hezekiah Purington, situated north-westerly from the present residence of Ezra Chase.

Moses Brown was chosen agent, in 1837, to take charge of the poor and farm. At the annual meeting in March, 1838, he made his first report to the town as to the working of the farm. He reported favorably. It cost to maintain the poor \$625.96, and the whole cost of maintaining the poor and interest upon the farm's cost, exceeded the personal property at the end of the year \$128.25, which was a little more than the interest of the cost of the town farm, showing good management. The town accepted the report, well pleased that they had made, as they thought, the best provision for the support of the town's poor.

1840. The following resolutions were passed at the annual meeting of this year :

Resolved, That no person, or persons, shall be permitted to sell any intoxicating liquors on the common belonging to the town of Henniker and adjoining their Meeting House, on any annual, or other Town Meeting days.

Resolved, That an agent, or agents be appointed, who shall prosecute any person, who after notice given by said agents, of the resolve aforesaid, shall persist in violation of the known will of the town, to sell intoxicating drinks on said common.

Resolved, That said agent, or agents, be, and they are hereby authorized, and directed to prosecute any person or persons who shall sell ardent spirits and other intoxicating drinks in Henniker for and during the year to come, without a license and contrary to the laws of New Hampshire in that behalf, made and provided.

Daniel B. Alley and Abel Connor were chosen agents, in pursuance of the above resolutions.

This year is noted for the heated political campaign between the supporters of William Henry Harrison and Martin Van Buren for president, which was called the "hard cider and log cabin campaign." Both parties in this town were zealous in behalf of their respective candidates, and this was the first year in which "party lines" were drawn closely. The Whigs, in large numbers, attended a

mass meeting at Concord June 17. About the first of October a very large delegation went to Francestown to listen to addresses by Daniel Webster and others. This delegation was escorted by the "Claremont Brass Band," at that time one of the first in the state. On the 19th of October, the Democrats went, in large numbers, to Francestown, to listen to addresses from Levi Woodbury and others. This delegation was escorted by the Brass Band of this town, which had then gained an enviable notoriety for its fine music. On the 2d of November, the highest vote was thrown that was ever cast in the town up to that time.

These are the most important votes passed by the town up to this date, save some passed during the late civil war, which are accessible to all, and some others noted elsewhere.

CHAPTER VIII.

ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY.

EARLY EFFORTS FOR PREACHING—REV. JACOB RICE—
HIS SETTLEMENT—SALARY ESTABLISHED—CHURCH
EMBODIED—ILLNESS OF MR. RICE—MR. RICE'S PROPO-
SITION—MR. RICE DISMISSED—OTHER MINISTERS EM-
PLOYED—EFFORTS TO SETTLE REV. MOSES SAWYER.

IT will be remembered that one of the conditions upon which this township was granted was "that a meeting-house should be erected as soon as possible, and preaching maintained." In May, 1766, at a meeting of the proprietors of No. 6, holden at Londonderry, in accordance with the request of several persons, inhabitants of No. 6, it was

Voted to raise half a Dollar on each right in town or township, for to hire the preaching of the Gospel in No. Six for the present.

This was the first tax levied on the settlers, or proprietors of the township, for this purpose. Capt. Eliakim How was chosen to collect the money and hire a preacher.

In June, 1767, they

Voted to raise six shillings, lawful money, on each right for the supply of the Gospel for the year ensuing.

Whether or not the money raised under these two votes was collected, there is no record. The possibilities are that it was not, for in the summer of 1768 the settlers subscribed

a sum to hire a preacher, when Capt. How obtained the services of Rev. Jacob Rice, of Northborough, Mass., a relative of his, to preach to the settlers of the township. Mr. Rice came, and held meetings at the house of Silas Barns and Capt. Eliakim How, the latter being his boarding-place. So well pleased were the people with Mr. Rice, that they held a meeting Sept. 12, 1768, and extended an invitation to him to become their settled pastor in the work of the ministry, to which he returned an affirmative answer Oct. 20, 1768, provided the terms of his salary, yet to be determined upon, should be satisfactory to him.

At the outset it may be well to understand, that church and state were not yet separate. A minister was settled by the town, and every person taxed for his support; but if any person dissented from settling this or that man as a preacher, he was relieved from paying any "minister tax," at his own request. Whatever he paid was free and voluntary;—to be valid, however, his dissent must be given at the meeting at which such action was taken, and recorded as such upon the records of the town.

At a meeting held at the house of Silas Barns, Nov. 25, 1768, Mr. Rice's salary was established, which was as follows:

The conditions of his settlement are, thirty pounds settlement, and thirty pounds salary for the first four years, and then thirty-five pounds for four years more, and then forty pounds a year till there is seventy families in town, and then to be fifty pounds yearly till there is ninety families in town, then we will give him sixty pounds yearly till there are a hundred and ten families in town; then we will give him sixty-six pounds, thirteen shillings, and four pence yearly, when six shillings and eight pence per ounce, and to the full of the sum proposed, according as silver what it is at present. Also, that the town allow him two Sabbaths the first year after his ordination, to be absent from this town, and then one Sabbath yearly afterwards to be absent from his people during his ministry. Also, that Mr. Jacob Rice began his year to preach with this town October 24th A. D. 1768, and whilst he is absent in the winter season his wages is to cease till he comes again.

Jonas Bowman, William Eastman, and Thomas Stone dissented from this vote. This is substantially as we have given upon a previous page. We give it again in connection with Mr. Rice's answer.

To this proposal, Mr. Rice returned the following :

Having duly taken into consideration the proposals which you made me on the 12th of September, instant ; and taken the best advice I could, it appears that your propositions are *not* satisfactory, sufficient to afford me a comfortable and convenient maintenance whilst I remain your minister ; not that the work of the ministry ought to be taken up and prosecuted for the sake of gain, and I hope that it was not the motive that influenced me to that work, but a much nobler motive, even to the Glory of God, and advancing the happiness of souls ; yet whilst I spend my time and abilities for your good, it is but reasonable and proper, that you should support me accordingly ; if you will fulfil what you proposed to me at the time above mentioned [here he repeats the offer made by the town] I shall, by divine grace assisting, approve myself a faithful servant of Jesus Christ, and I ask prayers for me, that I may go on steadily and faithfully in the work of the ministry, and that you all may be benefitted by my labors amongst you.

This letter is dated October 20, 1769.

The only difference in the salary offered at the time the call was given, and the time the vote was taken to settle, lay in the fact that the people of the town proposed to make his salary as the rate silver then was, whereas Mr. Rice wished it to fluctuate as silver rose or fell, which was quite an important item in moneyed transactions in those days. The town acceded to Mr. Rice's request ; and, at a meeting held December 16, 1768, Silas Barns, Ebenezer Harthorn, and Ebenezer Gile were

Voted for a Committee to agree and appoint with Mr. Jacob Rice for his Solum Ordination in this town.

The day for the ordination was fixed by selecting June 7, 1769. A council was convened for that purpose, but there is no record of whom it was composed, or of the manner in

which they were chosen. The church records testify, that before the ordination of Mr. Rice,—

A Church of Christ was formed in the presence, and by the directions of an ecclesiastical Council.

This church was composed of nine male members, viz., Rev. Jacob Rice, Silas Barns, Ebenezer Harthorn, Thomas Howlett, William Presbury, Timothy Ross, Josiah Ward, Charles Whitcomb, Ezekiel Smith, and six females (names not known),—in all, fifteen members. The council then proceeded to ordain Mr. Rice “as pastor over the church and the town.” A church covenant was adopted, and signed by all the members, which continued in use in the church, without any addition or alteration, until April 1, 1835—more than sixty-five years. No creed or articles of faith were then adopted by the church, except so far as the covenant refers to the authority of the Scriptures, and makes them the sole guide.

All religious meetings were held in private houses, mostly at the house of Silas Barns and that of Capt. Eliakim How. No building had as yet been erected and set apart for a school or for public service.

Mr. Rice was yet unmarried, and boarded, while preaching as a candidate, at Capt. Eliakim How's, who gave him his board upon condition “that the town *exchuse* me from Minister rate this year,” which the town did, by a vote at their annual meeting of the same year (1769).

A receipt from Mr. Rice reads as follows :

Henniker Nov ye 16th 1770. Received of Mr. Jonas Bowman and Deac William Presbury, nine pounds and twelve shillings, lawful money, being in full for what was my due for preaching before my settlement.
Jacob Rice.

Henniker, Feby 23^d 1773.

Then received of the Select Men of This Town in full of my Due for my salary of This town for the first, second, and third years of my ministry here. I say Rec'd by me.

Jacob Rice.

Up to this time (1773) Mr. Rice had preached constantly. In the spring of this year he experienced a very severe attack of the measles, which injured his eyesight and otherwise greatly impaired his health, so that he was able to occupy the pulpit only a portion of the time.

At a meeting of the town, held June 29, 1773, Eliakim How, Alexander Patterson, and Jacob Whitcomb were appointed a committee "to go and agree with Mr. Scales to preach with us two days." This was the Rev. James Scales, the builder of the first cabin in this town, and who was yet residing in Hopkinton.

In November, 1773, the town

Voted to take away Mr. Rices salary, that part of it that he was detained from his public preaching.

Mr. Rice sent the following reply :

Henniker, Nov. 17th 1773.

By reason of bodily infirmities, I was detained from my public labors to the people of my charge for a considerable part of the last year, and as they have desired, I would drop that part of my salary that they were destitute of preaching, so that I consent to resign that part of it that they assessed and ordered to be paid to me for the past year that they were Destitute of Preaching.

Jacob Rice.

Henniker Feby 28th 1774.

Received of Mr. William Powers Thirty pounds in full of what was my due from the Town for the fourth year of my ministry.

Jacob Rice.

Mr. Rice continued to preach from time to time, as his health permitted, which was only a portion of the time. Some of the people began to be uneasy because he was unable to occupy the pulpit the entire time, and hard feelings sprang up between him and a portion of his church and the town. Mr. Rice was a devoted preacher, but somewhat sensitive; and the proof is strong that he was more sinned against than sinning. Had he been met in a better spirit by the town, it is highly probable that the bickerings which

followed for years, and which finally resulted in separating the church from the town, might have been mostly, if not entirely, avoided.

At a meeting of the town, held April 28, 1774, Amos Gould, Joseph Kimball, Esq., and Jonathan Temple were chosen a committee "to go and talk with the Rev. Mr. Rice, and Desire him either to preach himself, or to supply the place with some other Gospel preacher, or to ask a dismission from the work of the ministry."

This committee was outside of the church. They conversed with Mr. Rice, and, as a result, he offered to give up one half of his salary, and the town accepted the offer. The vote was very soon reconsidered, "and a committee chosen to Discourse with Mr. Rice."

His answer was as follows:

Henniker September 26. 1774.

Whereas, the great head of the Church has seen fit to exercise me with bodily infirmities and that for a long time, by reason whereof the Church and people committed to my care have been deprived of my labour among them, which should be looked upon as a frown of Providence upon us, which I pray God be seriously took notice of and duly imposed us, and that he would sanctify it to us for our Spiritual good, the following things I offer you: that upon your causing the whole sum that was engaged to me by the town for the present year, and which is almost expired, viz: 35, os.-0 ϕ . Lawful money, to be raised, and tax every man his equal proportion of that sum, and then leave every man at liberty to pay me all or any part of what is his part of the above mentioned sum, and whatever is not paid to me, to be paid to the Selectmen of the town to hire preaching with; also, that there be proper and reasonable pains taken that there be preaching amongst us as soon as may be, and that the town is not without preaching, unless there be some particular difficulty in getting a preacher, until the whole sum that is to be paid to the Selectmen shall be spent in the manner aforesaid, except the town shall think proper to be without preaching, two, three, or four months at the most difficult season for attending the Publick Worship; Also, that you get an Orthodox preacher, one of a good character, and that the neighboring ministers will be willing to change with; upon your faithfully fulfilling these proposals I consent to drop my Salary for the

year that is almost expired : if this offer of mine is not such a one as that you are willing to accept of I will leave it to an Ecclesiastical Council that you and I can agree upon, to say whether what I have offered is reasonable, and if it is not, to say what is reasonable in this matter : from your Pastor, and well wisher for time and eternity,

Jacob Rice.

N. B. Its probable that there be many thoughts arising in your breasts upon hearing of this my offer one account and another but that I would inform you of, that I ever meant to Deal as fairly with you at the close of the year with your having but one town meeting and sending one Committee to me as more.

May 15, 1774. Received of the Selectmen of Henniker Thirty Six Shillings for preaching in said Henniker, and ten shillings and sixpence for writing done for s^d town in full for both. I say received by me,

James Scales.

Mr. Scales was a justice of the peace, and the town paid him three shillings in 1772 "for swearing in the town officers."

Rev. Timothy Brown, of Dunbarton, preached four Sabbaths during the winter of 1773 and 1774. This is his receipt :

Dunbarton, March 18th, 1774. This day received of Amos Goold of Henniker, the sum of Two pounds and eight shillings upon account of the Reverend Timothy Brown's preaching four Sundays for said town of Henniker the winter past, and I have power to act for said Brown: the receipt shall clear the town for the above sum. I say received by me,

Jeremiah Page.

In October, 1775, Mr. Rice discharged the town from paying him any salary during the year past that he had not been able to preach.

At a meeting, held November 3, 1777,

Voted that they were uneasy to have matters remain as they had been between them and their Pastor.

Voted, that they thought that the relation between them and their Pastor ought to be Dissolved.

Voted, that the reason of it was because their Pastor was unable of attending to his labors by a reason of being in a poor state of health, and for no other reason.

A committee was chosen to wait upon Mr. Rice, present him with a copy of this vote, and request his answer. His answer was as follows :

That if the town would give him sixty six pounds, thirteen shillings and four pence per year for the time he did preach with them, allowing what he had of Settlement and Salary to make up that sum, and that said town make said sixty six pounds, thirteen shillings and four pence, as good as money was in 1774, he would ask a dismission, they freeing him from Taxes while he remains in a poor state of health.

The town voted to accept his offer, and chose a committee of five to settle with him ; but his church being dissatisfied with the vote, immediately called another town-meeting, at which the vote was reconsidered.

February 10, 1776, Mr. Rice presented the town with the following letter :

To my beloved Flock. Although thro the divine goodness of God to me, I am considerably better as to my health than I was a year ago, yet I am in a weak and low state of health and unable at present to preach, though I hope I shall be able by and by : you being without the Gospel preached among you, that you may not remain destitute while I am taken off from my work among you, as well as that peace and harmony may submit amongst us, I would have you take off my salary to hire one, two, three, five or six Months preaching as you shall think proper the ensuing year : hoping that you will remember me with kindness in my adversity : so wishing you all manner of prosperity, especially in your Souls affairs, I subscribe myself your friend and servant in the Lord,

Jacob Rice.

March 17, 1778, Mr. Rice addressed another letter to the town, offering to *take* a dismissal upon the conditions he had already offered them. This the town refused to grant ; and at the same meeting

Voted that Mr. Rice ought to ask a dismission.

Here seems to have been the difficulty between Mr. Rice and his church, who mostly stood by him, and the town :

Mr. Rice was willing *to take* a dismissal, and the town were willing he should, but they wished him *to ask* for it. This Mr. Rice refused to do until his salary in arrears was guaranteed to him. July 2, 1778, the town

Voted that they were willing to give Mr. Rice a dismissal when he should ask for it.

The church now took the matter in hand, and offered to call a council with the town, to adjust the difficulties between the town and Mr. Rice; and at a meeting, held August 30, 1779, the town voted to concur with the church in calling a council for this purpose. The vote was afterwards rescinded.

July 12, 1780, the town again voted to concur with the church in calling a council, "to consist of the Pastor of the Church in Epping, the Pastor of the Church in Hampstead, of the church in Plaistow, the Church in Kingston in N. H., and of the Church of the Second Parish of Mendon, of the first Church in Shrewsbury, of the Church in Hopkinton in Mass. Bay." These, with their delegates, were to be the council. An effort had been made to have the council consist of the pastors and delegates from the churches of Concord, Hollis, Warner, Hopkinton, and Hillsborough, but it failed.

At a meeting held in 1781, the town

Voted, that those dissatisfied with Mr. Rice have Liberty to hire preaching for themselves.

Jan. 4, 1782, the town chose a committee to wait upon Mr. Rice in regard to his dismissal. They reported, in half an hour,—

That Mr. Rice would take five hundred Pounds and go or stay.

The town then voted "to give Mr. Rice a dismissal."

The council met February 20, 1782, at the house of Capt. E. How, when Mr. Rice was dismissed. At a meeting held

five days previously, after a bitter discussion, and voting "that the Council could give Mr. Rice such *Character* as they saw fit," the town finally gave Mr. Rice a recommendation as follows:

Voted to recommend Rev. Mr. Rice, our present Pastor, to be a Christian of Unblemished character and Consecration, in a Judgment of Charity.

And Mr. Rice was finally dismissed, with his salary guaranteed, that was yet in arrears, and with such a recommendation of character as he wished for, after having been often denied both by the town.

But few additions were made to the church during the thirteen years that Mr. Rice was its pastor. The old settlers who were instrumental in settling Mr. Rice were ever his firm friends. The spirit of the Revolution began to permeate the minds of the people, and they began to seek for that larger liberty which should not oblige one to be assessed to support a preacher in whose doctrines of faith he did not have full belief. Mr. Rice may have erred, as he was mortal like the rest of mankind, but he ever manifested a spirit to meet the town *more* than half way in all the difficulties between them. As was a matter of consequence, those who had been punctual to attend services upon the Sabbath, were, many of them, indifferent, and remained at home, while the younger portion of the population, in many families, rarely entered the house of public worship upon the Sabbath. Different preachers were hired from time to time, for one, two, or more Sabbaths each: these failed to interest the people. Several months at a time, during the Revolutionary War, passed away without any preaching. For the larger part of the time during the war the town did not raise, upon the average, more than twenty pounds per year to hire preachers and pay their board. Long intervals often passing between the labors of different preachers, the people had but little opportunity to establish a habit of at-

tending public worship, and so many grew up in the habit of spending the Sabbath in their own chosen way. The original proprietors of the town no doubt intended that there should be preaching upon Sabbaths in endless succession, and that every one should observe the day with holy reverence. But the ways of Providence were to them mysterious, and disappointed their purposes and frustrated their plans. It is not for us to criticise too freely those early settlers, who felt that as Mr. Rice was the first minister to break unto them the bread of life, and had shared their toils and their hardships with them, and had gone in and out before them with a blameless life, he was entitled to their sympathy and their support. He who knoweth all things and ruleth all things, doeth all things for the best. Let us cover their faults with the broad mantle of charity, and so improve our privileges and direct our influence that they will be referred to by coming generations with pleasure.

Aug. 1, 1782, the town

Voted to apply to the Grafton Presbytery for a Preacher, if without cost to the town.

In May, 1784, the church adopted that chapter of the Cambridge platform entitled "Admission of members on their creed or confession of faith." This was designated as "The Half-way Covenant."

The pulpit was supplied partly by Mr. Rice and partly by Mr. Whipple. In 1787 the church adopted five articles or rules for discipline. They were left with Mr. Rice, but were never recorded, and are therefore lost.

In 1785, the town united with the church in calling a council to adjust the difficulties between the church and the town, but no record tells whether the same met or not; the probabilities are that it did not.

Rev. Aaron Hutchinson preached here fourteen Sabbaths during the winter and spring of 1786. An effort was made in 1790 to settle Rev. Ebenezer Allen, of Kingston, this

state, but without avail. The same year the town united with the church in giving the Rev. Josiah Carpenter a call to settle in the ministry, but could not agree upon any offer for support. The town finally voted, in 1791,—

That no person shall be hired to preach more than four days without two thirds of the voters present shall agree to hire him.

At a meeting of the town, held Nov. 14, 1791, at which Mr. Rice was the moderator, it was voted to hire Rev. Mr. Williams as a preacher. He preached but few Sundays. March 4, 1793, the town voted to hire Rev. Jabez P. Fisher on probation, and May 20, same year, they voted "to give him a call to settle in the ministry." A committee of nine were chosen to confer with him. They offered him one hundred pounds salary and settlement. Mr. Fisher objected to the sum offered, and did not accept the call. The call was renewed in August, and again in May, 1794.

At the latter date the town voted to discharge all from paying the minister's rate that were not in favor of settling Mr. Fisher; and, also,—

Voted that all who were against his settlement were required to make it known in fourteen days or be considered as in his favor.

But Mr. Fisher did not accept the call. In April, 1796, Rev. Nathaniel Hall was invited to preach six Sabbaths. At the end of the time the town voted to give him a call upon condition "that when two thirds of the people paying taxes to Support said Preacher shall be Dissatisfied with him by their giving him notice three months beforehand, he shall take a Dismissal, and the said Mr. Hall shall have the same Liberty By giving the town like notice."

Mr. Hall returned a negative answer to the call, deeming the support offered of too small an amount. The call was

renewed again in the fall of the same year, but Mr. Hall did not see fit to accept it. The pulpit was supplied by different ones, amongst whom were Messrs. Dow and Tilton, until, at a meeting held Aug. 12, 1801, the town voted to settle Rev. Moses Sawyer in the work of the ministry. Those who voted in favor of settling him were

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| John Warren, | Joshua Whitney, | Ephraim Goss, |
| Nathaniel Cogswell, | Samuel M. Smith, | Ens. William Morrison, |
| Eli How, | William Myrick, | Joel Withington, |
| Moses Smith, | Jonathan Wood, | Lt. Francis Bowman, |
| Samuel Morrison, Sr., | Thomas Willson, | William Gould, |
| Aaron H. Wadsworth, | Lt. Amos Gould, | Josiah Ward, |
| Samuel Smith, | John Kimball, | James Morrison, |
| Aaron How, | James Joslyn, | John Connor, |
| Solomon Childs, | Joseph Wood, | Levi Bowman, |
| Alexander Campbell, | Jacob Peters, | David Morrill, |
| John Proctor, | Daniel Rice, | Joseph Patterson, |
| Moses Smith, Jr., | Nathaniel Clough, | Charles Whitcomb, |
| Francis Withington, | Eli Wood, | Zaccheus Whitcomb, |
| Charles Whitcomb, Jr., | Abel Dufur, | Eleazer Whitney, |
| Elias Withington, | Francis M. Withington, | Elisha Rice, |
| Bannister Goodenow, | John Willson, | Lt. S. Wadsworth, |
| Benjamin Gould, | Thomas Howlett, | David Colby, |
| Bezaleel Smith, | Ezekiel Smith, | David Clough, Esq. |

Whole number for Mr. Sawyer, 54.

Those opposed were as follows, viz.:

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| Thomas Brown, | David Connor, | Samuel Howe, |
| Bela Butler, | Israel Adams, Sr., | Charles Rice, |
| William How, | James Wallace, | John Gould, |
| Deac. E. Harthorn, | Capt. Jesse Campbell, | Samuel Willson, |
| Maj. David Campbell, | Jonas Alexander, | Phinehas Campbell, |
| Silas Harthorn, | Jonathan Eastman, | Joseph Hoyt, |
| Timothy Abbott, | William Wallace, Esq., | Joshua Darling, |
| Paul Harthorn, | Isaac Patterson, | Sargent Heath, |
| Joshua Heath, | John Whitcomb, | Jonathan Sawyer, |
| Thaddeus Gibson, | Eliphalet Dufur, | Noah Rice, |
| Alexander Patterson, | Capt. Jonas Bowman, | Daniel Colby. |

Whole number, 33.

At this meeting not over one third of the voters then in town participated. The meeting chose a committee to confer with Mr. Sawyer in regard to his settlement, and voted

to excuse all those who were opposed to settling him from paying anything towards his support, by giving the town clerk notice of their opposition within six days from the date of that meeting. Mr. Sawyer's salary was fixed at one hundred and ten pounds annually.

December 9, 1801, a meeting of the town was held, which was largely attended, when the vote to give Mr. Sawyer a call to settle was reconsidered, and a motion was made not to appoint a day for his ordination. Upon this question the yeas and nays were demanded, and each man's name taken down as he answered. The result of the vote was 90 nays, 66 yeas. A copy of this vote was presented to Mr. Sawyer by Joshua Darling, Lt. Samuel Wadsworth, and Ephraim Goss.

Nays as follows :

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| Jonathan Sawyer, | Bela Butler, | Josiah Morse, |
| Alexander Patterson, | Daniel Emory, | William How, |
| Phineas Campbell, | Noah Rice, | Nathaniel Folsom, |
| Samuel Kimball, Jr., | Paul Harthorn, | Maj. Robert Wallace, |
| Thomas Brown, | Capt. Aaron Adams, | Samuel Page, |
| James Hemphill, | Thomas Putney, | Richard Dole, |
| Abel Gordon, | Samuel Cressey, | John Tucker, |
| Gershom Heath, | Deac. Eben ^r Harthorn, | David Connor, |
| Charles Rice, | Capt. Jonas Bowman, | Samuel Kimball, |
| Ezra Tucker, Jr., | Eldad Harriman, | David Mansfield, |
| Thomas Pingree, Jr., | Nathaniel Page, | Obediah Rogers, |
| James Wallace, | Darius Whitcomb, | Silas Harthorn, |
| John Goodenow, | Timothy Sprague, | Lt. John Smith, |
| Shuthelah Rice, | John Campbell, | Thomas Stuart, |
| Amos Farrington, | Ezra Upham, | William Wallace, Esq., |
| Elisha Barns, | Daniel Hardy, | Gilman Colby, |
| James Connor, | Sargent Heath, | Thomas Clough, |
| Jonas Alexander, Jr., | Joseph Plummer, | Zadok Duston, |
| Daniel Chesmore, | David Gordon, | Samuel Connor, |
| Samuel Willson, | John Whitman, | Moses Duston, |
| Benjamin Hoyt, | Gideon Adams, | Elias Haswell, |
| Samuel Howe, | John Gould, | Isaac Patterson, |
| David Adams, | Robert Rogers, | Thaddeus Gibson, |
| David Bowman, | Daniel Colby, | Moses Adams, |
| Oliver Noyes, | Nathaniel Harthorn, | Josiah Edwards, |
| Joshua Heath, | Nahum Newton, | Joseph Marsh, |
| Eliphalet Dufur, | Penn Howe, | Jacob Rice, Jr., |
| Isaac Whittier, | Israel Adams, Sr., | George Little, |
| Capt. Jesse Campbell, | Joseph Hoyt, | Levi Kemp, |
| Jasper Temple, | Timothy Abbott, | Joshua Darling. |

Yeas as follows :

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| Lt. Francis Bowman, | William Myrick, | Micah Howe, |
| Ephraim Goss, | Samuel Eastman, | David Morrill, |
| Elias Withington, | John Withington, | Lt. John Proctor, |
| Aaron Howe, | Moses Smith, | Francis Bowman, Jr., |
| David Colby, | Joseph Wood, | Oliver Whitcomb, |
| Bannister Goodenow, | Eli Wood, | Nathaniel Clough, |
| Francis M. Withington, | Solomon Childs, | Benjamin Smith, |
| Ezekiel Smith, | Jonathan Wood, | Daniel Rice, |
| Samuel Smith, | John Kimball, | Samuel M. Smith, |
| Joel Withington, | Alfred Barrows, | James Joslyn, |
| Lt. Amos Gould, | Josiah Ward, | Charles Whitcomb, Jr., |
| Elisha Rice, | George Hoyt, Jr., | John Willson, |
| Samuel Hardy, | Joseph Ward, | Jonathan Eastman, |
| Joseph Patterson, | John Warren, | Ens. William Morrison, |
| Zaccheus Whitcomb, | Jacob Peters, | William Gould, |
| John Connor, | David Clough, Esq., | Dr. Thomas Brooks, |
| Bezaleel Smith, | Aaron H. Wadsworth, | Charles Whitcomb, |
| Joshua Whitney, | Levi Bowman, | John Stuart, |
| Francis Withington, | Joseph Eager, | Moses Smith, Jr., |
| Thomas Willson, | Jonathan Eastman, Jr., | Benj. Gould, |
| Nathaniel Cogswell, | Eleazer Whitney, | Nathaniel Livingston, |
| Abel Dufur, | Stephen Hardy, | Samuel Morrison, Sr. |

CHAPTER IX.

ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY—*Continued.*

SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE—SETTLEMENT OF MR. SAWYER—NAME OF THE NEW SOCIETY—BUILDING OF THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL MEETING-HOUSE—NEW SOCIETY INCORPORATED—DISMISSAL OF MR. SAWYER AND SETTLEMENT OF REV. JACOB SCALES—BURNING OF THE MEETING-HOUSE—ERECTION OF A NEW ONE—PRESENTATION OF COMMUNION SERVICE—MR. SCALES DISMISSED—OTHER MINISTERS EMPLOYED—STATISTICS—METHODISTS—STATISTICS—BAPTISTS—STATISTICS—QUAKERS—UNIVERSALISTS—FREE-WILL BAPTISTS.

THE excitement was now at its height ; and Mr. Sawyer's friends, feeling that the time had come to separate themselves from the town, met immediately after the adjournment of the meeting, held December 9, 1801, and formed themselves into a society, to be called "The Calvinistic Congregational Society in Henniker." A large number of the prominent men of the town, together with the larger part of the oldest settlers in town, as well as a portion of the church, were opposed to settling Mr. Sawyer: for what reason, it does not appear, but probably it was partly through the influence of the bickerings between the church and the town for so many years previously, and partly in consequence of a difference in faith and belief. It is a very pleasant thought of Mr. Rice, that, in all of these attempts to settle a minister, he took no active part, leaving the peo-

ple free to act as they thought best ; and in all the petty feuds that arose, and which at times assumed a most unpleasant aspect, he kept himself aloof.

The society thus formed united with the church in renewing the call to Mr. Sawyer, which he accepted. He was ordained their pastor and teacher, May 26, 1802. The exercises were held in the barn now owned by Mr. E. B. Whitman, and the discourse was delivered from the east scaffold. Previous to that day only fifty-five persons are known to have been members of the church in this town. It is not easy to learn how many were living and connected with the church at the end of the thirty-three years from Mr. Rice's settlement. Mr. Rice was the clerk of the church during all of these years, and some votes that would seem to be important ones, he, for some reason, failed to record.

The additions, as near as can be ascertained, averaged only one a year. At least, such is the assertion of Rev. Jacob Scales, in a communication in 1835. In 1795 the "Half-way Covenant" was abandoned, and none admitted to membership save upon their profession of faith. In speaking of Mr. Rice, in the same communication, Mr. Scales says,—

Though a minister of the school of Whitby, he was never very zealously affected in any cause. His mind was not given to severe study, nor his body to vigorous exercise. Many of his Church, and people, were satisfied with his preaching smooth things, and the kindness of his disposition secured him the affections of many.

Though none of his children, or grand children, were ever connected with the church, and none of his posterity are now known to reside within the limits of this state, still the remembrance of him, and his household, is intimately connected with the early history of the town, and the moral character of all the descendants of the first settlers.

The following is the action of the council called to settle Mr. Sawyer, held May 25, 1802:

At an ecclesiastical Council convened agreeable to letters missive, for the purpose of ordaining Mr. Moses Sawyer to the

work of the gospel ministry in this place, churches present on this occasion by their Pastors and delegates,—The chh. in Boscawen, Alstead, Francestown, Hancock, Dunbarton, Hopkinton, Newport, Salisbury, & Thetford by their delegate.

1. Chose Rev. Samuel Wood Moderator of the Council.

2. Rev. Walter Harris, Scribe.

After looking to the Throne of Grace for light & direction, proceed to hear the statements of the several committees. Then attended to the inquiry: whether the way be open for the ordination of Mr. Moses Sawyer to the work of the gospel ministry over the Calvinistic Chh & Society in this place.

Notwithstanding the various objections which have been offered, Voted in the affirmative. Then proceeded to the examination of the Candidate. After which, Voted the Council are satisfied with regard to the qualifications of Mr. Moses Sawyer for the work hereunto he has been called. Then proceeded to the assignment of the public exercises, which are as follows—

Rev. Mr. Wines make the introductory prayer.

Rev. Mr. Worcester preach the sermon.

Rev. Mr. Bradford make the consecrating prayer.

Rev. Mr. Wood give the charge.

Rev. Mr. Smith give the right hand of fellowship.

Rev. Mr. Harris make the concluding prayer.

Samuel Wood, Moderator.

Walter Harris, Scribe.

The town chose thirteen of its ablest men to confer with the council called to ordain Mr. Sawyer, and represent to it the feeling of the town in regard to the matter. This committee did as instructed, but without avail. At a meeting held in August, the town voted, ninety-four to no one against, to give the Rev. Pliny Dickerson a call to settle in the ministry. A committee was chosen to extend the call, and to offer him £105 yearly salary. Mr. Dickerson did not accept, and nothing ever came from it.

December 8, 1802, the town

Voted, that the Calvinistic Society, so called, should have the liberty of going into the Meeting house on the Sabbath, when the town did not wish for said Meeting House.

April 19, 1803, the town, by fifty-seven to fifty-six,—

Voted that the Calvinistic Society should not have their pro-

portion of the Interest Money appropriated for the Support of the Gospel separate from the rest of the town.

The church and society this year made application to the legislature for an act of incorporation; and at a meeting held November 10, 1803, the town chose Judge Robert Wallace, Jonas Bowman, and William Wallace a committee to oppose it before the proper committee of the house. They did so, but their efforts proved futile; and the church and society were incorporated, under a simple act of incorporation, as the "Calvinistic Congregational Society of Henniker." John Langdon was governor.

The town had preaching occasionally, but made no further attempt to settle a minister in opposition to Mr. Sawyer; and in a short time nearly all of those who were church members came to attend Mr. Sawyer's meeting. Meetings were held in the meeting-house, in school-houses, and in barns. The church began to increase in numbers and in strength. Many obstacles were overcome; and many who had been enemies became friends. Mr. Sawyer proved a very able and acceptable minister, and pressed forward amidst many discouragements, preaching the word, and visiting from house to house as he found opportunity. He treated all, whether friend or foe, with the same courtesy, and won many friends by his exemplary conduct and his daily walk.

In 1803, the church, being without a regular place in which to hold their meetings, resolved to erect another meeting-house. A committee was chosen to consider the matter, who, after due deliberation, made a report to the church and society connected with it. The spot chosen for it to stand upon was a little westerly from the present residence of Hiram Rice. Upon this spot work was commenced in this year, and during the summer of 1804 it was sufficiently finished to hold meetings in occasionally, although it was not completed so as to be occupied wholly until 1805. During this time, meetings were held occasionally in the town's meeting-house. This house was dedicated in 1805,

although there is no record of the same. This house was about the length of the town's meeting-house without the porches, and about the same width, and two stories in height. There was a porch on the south end, facing the street, surmounted with a low belfry, the first one seen in this town. There were three doors for entrance,—one in the porch, and one each side of it. The pews were built square, with the seats turning upon hinges, and otherwise ornamented much like the town's meeting-house, save the "sounding-board." The pulpit was in the north end, having in front of it the "elders' seats," and in front of them the deacons' seats. A little table let down in the elders' seat, upon which the symbols used at Communion were always placed. From the entry, stairs led up right and left to an entry above, thence through a door to the pews above, extending around three sides of the building, save the room for the "singing-seats," the seats of both pews and singing-seats being hung upon hinges.

From the top of the deck of the belfry, a post, some six feet in height, was raised and made fast, the top of which was surmounted with a large wooden ball, some twelve inches in diameter, and gilded after the ball was in position. Mr. Swallow, one of the workmen upon the building, stood upon it with one foot, and turned completely around, much to the delight of a large number of spectators who saw it from the ground.

In this house Mr. Sawyer continued to preach until April 9, 1826, when he preached his farewell discourse, from 1st Corinthians, 3d chapter, 9th verse,—“For we are all laborers together with God.” He was dismissed March 29, 1826, by a council. There is no record of the churches of which this council was composed.

March 19, 1819, the following notice was posted in the porch of the meeting-house, at one or more public places in town, and printed in the *Farmers' Cabinet*, published at Amherst, April 1, 1819.

Calvinistic Society in Henniker.

Notice is hereby given, that Daniel Rice, Ephraim Goss, Francis Bowman, John Proctor, Samuel Wadsworth, Joshua Darling, Nathaniel Cogswell, and others, members of the old Calvinistic Society in Henniker, have organized themselves into a Religious society under the act of the Legislature passed at their June Session, 1818, entitled an act in amendment of an act, entitled an act for regulating towns and the choice of Town Officers, and have assumed the name of The Calvinistic Society. By order of the Society,

Edward Whitman, Clerk.

Soon after this, some of the old settlers, together with some of later date, formed a society styling themselves the "Congregational Society of Henniker." They made quite an effort to hire and settle a minister, but Mr. Sawyer's popularity was so great that the necessity for another minister did not really exist. The society continued to hold meetings occasionally, and in 1826 they united with the Calvinistic society in extending an invitation to Rev. Jacob Scales, of Colchester, Ct., who accepted the call, and was ordained by a council consisting of pastors and delegates from the churches in Dunbarton, Andover, Mass., Boscawen (1st and 2d churches), Pembroke, Hopkinton, Hillsborough, Acworth, Antrim, Bradford, Claremont, and Concord, Jan. 17, 1827. It is doubtful if an abler council than this ever convened in New Hampshire. Revs. Walter Harris, Ebenezer Price, Burnham, Hatch, Lawton, Whiton, Page, Nye, and Nathaniel Bouton, then just commencing his ministry in Concord, were some of the first preachers of the denomination in the state. Added to them was the Rev. Justin Edwards, of Andover, Mass., who preached the sermon.

The day was a bitter cold one, and Mr. Edwards preached the sermon with woollen mittens on his hands. There was no fire in the meeting-house yet, save what was in the little foot-stoves. It is said that the people suffered severely from the effects of the cold, and nothing but the glowing words, as they fell from the eloquent lips of Dr. Edwards, kept the large congregation together.

At the installation of Mr. Scales, Rev. J. M. Whiton, of Antrim, made the opening prayer; Rev. Jonathan Nye, of Claremont, the installing prayer; charge by Rev. Walter Harris, of Dunbarton; right hand of fellowship, by Rev. Nathaniel Bouton, of Concord; address to the church, by Rev. Abraham Burnham, of Pembroke; concluding prayer, by Rev. Ebenezer Price, of Boscawen. At a meeting of this council, the day previous to the installation, they passed the following resolution:

Whereas, intoxicating liquors have in several cases been dispensed with at the entertainment of ecclesiastical councils, and it is understood that the Committee of Arrangements in this place intend to pursue a similar course, this Council would express their cordial approbation of it and their earnest desire that as laudable a practice may become universal.

For two or three years Mr. Scales preached alternately at the old meeting-house and at the new one, when all finally attended one church. The church continued to prosper under Mr. Scales's preaching, when, on the night of Aug. 23, 1833, the church was burned to the ground.

For the year following, the church wandered from house to school-house, having preaching but a portion of the time. Measures were soon taken to erect another meeting-house, work upon which was commenced early in the spring of 1834. It was dedicated Aug. 27, 1844, the sermon being preached by Mr. Scales, from Psalms, 93d chapter, 5th verse. The order of exercises at the dedication was as follows:

- 1st. Music. "Glory be to God on High."
- 2^d. Invocation and Reading of the Scriptures.
- 3^d. Music. Hymn 141, Select Tune, Old Hundred.
- 4th. Prayer.
- 5th. Original Hymn, composed for the occasion, also the music.

Great God, whose awful presence fills the skies,
 Before whose throne eternal anthems rise,—
 Oh! deign thy gracious presence to bestow,
 And dwell in this frail tenement below.
 Long may Thy saints here worship and adore Thee;
 And trembling sinners humbly bow before Thee.

Long from this desk may humble prayer arise,
 And from this choir our song salute the skies;
 Here may Thy truth like heavenly dew distil,
 These hallowed seats our children's children fill.
 Here let thy Spirit take a watchful station,
 Thy word dispensed, be blest to our salvation.

This sacred desk, these seats and aisles, the choir,
 These walls and roof, the vestry and the spire,—
 What now they are, whate'er they yet may be,
 Ourselves, our all, we consecrate to Thee;
 From Thy rich stores be ample means provided,
 And by thy wisdom, all our counsels guided.

Here may the Holy Spirit from above,
 Seal many trophies of redeeming love,
 And the fair page of heavenly record be
 Eternal proof of souls born here to Thee.
 Long may Thy saints here worship and adore Thee,
 And trembling sinners humbly bow before Thee.

These words and music were composed by Dr. Nathan Sanborn.

- 7th. Consecrating Prayer.
 8th. Music. "O Thou, from whose all forming hand."
 9th. Address to the church and the people.
 10th. Music. "Strike the Cymbal."
 11th. Benediction.

The choir was under the direction of Col. Imri Woods.

The house was furnished with a bell, which was raised to its position the day the building was raised, May 8, 1834,—its tongue pealing out glad tidings to the assembled multitude, the larger part of whom had never seen one before,—and a clock, built by Mr. Morrill, of Boscawen, and an organ—the whole costing nearly or quite \$5,000. Shortly after the church was burned, a new Communion service was received, costing \$39, accompanied by the following letter:

Boston, Nov. 8, 1833.

Rev. and Dear Sir. I have sent a set of Communion ware by Lieut Gibson, which I wish you to present to Church under your Pastoral Care, as an expression of the sympathy which I feel in their affliction and a token of regard both to them and yourself. I trust the Lord will overrule your loss for his own glory and the best interest of the church.

Respectfully & affectionately yours,

John C. Proctor.

This letter was addressed to Mr. Scales. The service was accepted by the church with a great deal of gratitude.

The church was built by Mr. Abbott, of Boscawen. The pews were sold at auction after they were completed. Some alterations have been made inside of the church, but save those it remains substantially the same as when erected. The fine stone steps, which have been an ornament to it for so many years, were taken from the ledge on the Horace Tucker farm, in the east part of the town, by William Smith.

A council was called to consider the propriety of dismissing Mr. Scales, January 2, 1839, consisting of the pastors and delegates from the churches at Pembroke, Concord, Hillsborough, Antrim, Warner, and Bradford, and a delegate from Hopkinton. The council, after an exhaustive hearing, decided that the connection between Mr. Scales and the church should be dissolved March 1, 1839. At that time Mr. Scales preached his farewell discourse, from 2d Cor., 13:11. The sermon was printed, by desire of the church.

Rev. Nathaniel A. Keyes then preached as a candidate. A strong effort was made to settle him, but he gave a negative answer.

Rev. Mr. Delano preached a few Sundays as a candidate, but he did not receive a call.

At a meeting held October 28, 1839, the church and society, on motion of Hon. Joshua Darling, voted, nineteen yeas to two nays, to invite Rev. David Andrews to become their pastor, but he gave a negative answer.

Rev. Mr. Batchelder then preached a few Sabbaths. A call was given him, but he declined it.

April 6, 1840, Rev. Timothy G. Brainard, who had supplied the pulpit for several Sabbaths, received a call, which he declined.

The Rev. Thomas Kidder, of Windsor, Vt., also received a call, July 25th of the same year, to become their pastor, which call he declined.

October 19th, of the same year, Rev. Solomon J. Tracy received a call, which he also declined.

July 12, 1841, Rev. Eden B. Foster, of Hanover, N. H., received a unanimous call to become their pastor, which call he accepted. He was ordained August 17, 1841, the council consisting of pastors and delegates from the churches at Hopkinton, Pembroke, Antrim, Warner, Concord (North and South), Salisbury, Hillsborough Bridge, Concord (West), Concord and Putney, Vt. The sermon was preached by Rev. Amos Foster, of Putney, Vt., an uncle of the pastor-elect. The charge was given by the venerable Rev. Abraham Burnham, of Pembroke. Mr. Foster continued as pastor until January 7, 1847, when he was dismissed, at his own request, by a council consisting of the pastors and delegates from the churches at Concord (West), Hillsborough, and Hillsborough Bridge.

In April following, Rev. N. A. Keyes was given a unanimous call, which he declined.

Rev. Richard T. Searle received a call, October 4, 1847, which he accepted. He was installed December 1, 1847. The council consisted of the pastors and delegates from the churches at Concord (North, South, and West), Danvers, Mass., Hillsborough Bridge, and Warner. Rev. Daniel J. Noyes, of the South church, Concord, preached the sermon. Rev. Dr. Bouton made the address to the people. February 1, 1850, Mr. Searle presented a letter to the church and society, asking for a dismissal, which request was granted, March 20th of the same year, by a council.

January 6, 1851, Rev. Joseph M. R. Eaton, of Fitchburg, Mass., received a call, which was accepted. He was installed February 26, 1851, by a council from the churches of Hillsborough Bridge, Concord (North), Hillsborough Centre, Fitchburg, Mass., and Hopkinton. Rev. E. W. Bullard, of Fitchburg, preached the sermon; Dr. Bouton addressed the people. Mr. Eaton asked a dismissal, May 14, 1868. A council of the pastors and delegates from the churches at Hillsborough Bridge, Hillsborough Centre (delegate), Hopkinton (delegate), Warner, and North Yarmouth, Me., met,

June 2, 1868, which dissolved the connection, and the church was once more without a pastor.

July 21, 1870, Rev. Stephen S. Morrill received a call to settle with them, which was accepted. He was installed Thursday, September 1, of the same year. The council consisted of the pastors and delegates from the churches at Concord (North, South, and West), Hillsborough Bridge (delegate), Hopkinton, Warner, and Webster. The sermon was delivered by Rev. F. D. Ayer, of the Concord North church; charge to the pastor by Rev. Edward Buxton, of Webster; address to the people by Rev. S. L. Blake, of the Concord South church. Mr. Morrill was dismissed, August 18, 1873.

Rev. George H. Mors, of Townsend, Mass., commenced preaching November 21, 1873, and ceased July 30, 1876.

Rev. John H. Hoffman commenced preaching June 10, 1877. He was ordained August 27th of the same year, and installed June 7, 1878.

Previous to the ordination of Mr. Sawyer, only fifty-five persons are known to have been members of this church. During the twenty-four years of his ministry, one hundred and sixteen were added to the church. Sixteen became members within one year after his ordination. In 1816, twenty-six were added, and in 1824, sixteen more. Quite a number of those added during the earlier part of his ministry were residents of Warner, Bradford, and Hillsborough, there being no Congregational church at that time in those towns. As churches were established in those places, these persons withdrew their membership from the church here.

January 17, 1827, when Mr. Scales was installed, there were on the records the names of ninety-six persons, supposed to be living, who had not removed their relation. Of that number, between twenty and thirty were non-resident, and but little was known of them. During Mr. Scales's ministry, two hundred and twenty-seven were added to the church; and when his connection with the church was

dissolved, there were upon its records the names of two hundred and thirty-five, all but about twenty of whom were residents of the town. During Mr. Foster's ministry, thirty were added; during Mr. Searle's, six; during Mr. Eaton's, seventy-eight; and during Mr. Morrill's, to February, 1872, twenty-one.

The following is a summary of the church to January 10, 1877:

PASTORS.

- Rev. Jacob Rice, ordained June 7, 1769; dismissed Feb. 20, 1782.
 Rev. Moses Sawyer, ordained May 26, 1802; dismissed Mar. 29, 1826.
 Rev. Jacob Scales, installed Jan. 17, 1827; dismissed Mar. 1, 1839.
 Rev. Eden B. Foster, ordained Aug. 17, 1841; dismissed Jan. 7, 1847.
 Rev. Richard T. Searle, installed Nov. 30, 1847; dismissed Mar. 20, 1850.
 Rev. J. M. R. Eaton, installed Feb. 25, 1851; dismissed June 2, 1868.
 Rev. S. S. Morrill, installed Sept. 1, 1870; dismissed —, 1873.
 Rev. John H. Hoffman, installed Aug. 27, 1877.

DEACONS.

- Ebenezer Harthorn, chosen June 7, 1769; died Feb. 5, 1814.
 William Presbury, chosen June 7, 1769; died — — —.
 David Clough, chosen July 23, 1802; died Jan. 2, 1819.
 Daniel Rice, chosen July 23, 1802; died Jan. 15, 1821.
 William C. Woodbury, chosen July 16, 1817; resigned Nov. 19, 1822.
 George Connor, chosen July 16, 1817; excommunicated Jan. 23, 1830.
 Nathaniel Cogswell, chosen Nov. 18, 1822; died July 17, 1836.
 Josiah Childs, chosen Dec. 5, 1831; died Feb. 1, 1863.
 Oliver Pillsbury, chosen Dec. 5, 1831; died Feb. 27, 1857.
 Horace Childs, chosen Feb. 19, 1855.
 Worcester Harthorn, chosen Feb. 19, 1855.

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| Number of pastors..... | 8 |
| “ deacons | 11 |
| “ original members..... | 15 |
| Whole number of members | 541 |
| Number removed by dismissal..... | 145 |
| “ “ excommunication..... | 38 |
| “ “ death | 207 |
| Present membership..... | 151 |
| Membership Jan. 1, 1880 | 176 |

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Shortly after the close of the Revolution, a Baptist church was formed in this town, and was considered a branch of the Baptist church of Sutton. Although small in numbers they maintained public worship upon the Sabbath for several years, holding their meetings at private houses and in school-houses. They prospered for a while, but the church finally became extinct as a church, although many of its members still adhered to their faith. There is no record of the first members of this church.

Pursuant to letters missive from several persons of this town, who were still adherents of this faith, an ecclesiastical council convened, Feb. 23, 1832, at the house of Moses Hoyt, to consider the expediency of forming another Baptist church in Henniker. The council consisted of the following named persons:

Rev. Enoch T. Winter, Dea. Joseph Marshall, and Ezekiel Dodge, from the Baptist church at Bradford; Rev. Michael Carlton and Trueworthy Blaisdell, from the church at Hopkinton; Rev. Stephen Pillsbury and Dea. Benj. Farrar, of the church at Sutton; Dea. J. Kelley and C. Noyes, from the church at Newport; Dea. David Everett, Joseph Colby, Jonathan Greeley, and Samuel Greenwood, from the church at New London; Dea. Fisher Gay and Gardner Gay, from the church at Hillsborough; and G. W. Ashby and F. Jacobs, also of Bradford.

The council organized by the choice of Rev. Stephen Pillsbury as moderator, and Rev. Enoch T. Winter as clerk. Letters were then read from several Baptist churches, recommending several persons as suitable, in faith and profession, to be organized into a church.

The church at Hillsborough recommended Moses Hoyt and his wife, Betsey Hoyt; Abijah Hildreth, Jr., and his wife, Betsey Hildreth; and Hannah Colby;—the church in Weare recommended Ephraim Morrill and Betsey Emory;—

the church in Mason recommended Abijah Hildreth, and his wife, Hannah Hildreth ;—the church at Woburn, Mass., recommended Mrs. Louisa Bacon.

These ten persons were then organized and embodied as a branch of the Baptist church of Bradford, with the privilege of choosing their own officers, keeping their own records, disciplining their own members, and receiving additions to their number. When any of the members attended the administration of the Sacrament at Bradford, they were to be considered equal with the members residing at Bradford.

In the afternoon of this day the church was embodied, Rev. Mr. Winter preaching the sermon and giving the charge to the members. This church adopted, as an expression of their views and doctrines, the articles of faith adopted by the New Hampshire Baptist State Convention, held about that time.

The first deacon of the church was Moses Hoyt, and the first clerk Abijah Hildreth, Jr. The church was quite prosperous, receiving an addition of twelve persons beside the original ten, during the first year of its existence.

In September of 1833, the church asked to be dismissed from the church at Bradford, that it might be known as the Baptist church of this town. The request was granted, and the following persons composed the new church :

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| Ephraim Morrill, | Betsey Hildreth, |
| Abijah Hildreth, | Hannah Colby, |
| Moses Hoyt, | Louisa Bacon, |
| Benjamin Hoyt, | Phebe Harriman, |
| Abijah Hildreth, Jr., | Sophia Preston, |
| Smith Morgan, | Betsey J. Hoyt, |
| Amos Ray, | Lois Colby, |
| Isaac F. Colby, | Mercy Colby, |
| Hannah Hildreth, | Martha Smith, |
| Betsey Hoyt, | Helena Dodge, |
| Betsey Emory, | Susan Kirk, |

Fanny Chase,
 Harriet Colby,
 Hannah Woods,
 Betsey Rice,
 Jennett Morgan,
 Mary Whitman,

Achsah Goss,
 Betsey Colby,
 Hannah Perry,
 Betsey Sprague,
 Elizabeth Lovejoy,
 Hannah Hoyt.

Rev. Enoch T. Winter was duly installed as pastor of the church at this time, which position he occupied until 1838, when he severed his connection with the church and removed from town, much to the regret of a large majority of his church, and the citizens of the town generally.

In 1834 the church erected the neat and commodious building known as the "brick church," and now owned and occupied by the Methodist society. The church was built under the direction of a building committee, and was raised May 1, 1834. Mr. Flanders, of Hopkinton, was master-builder. For several years after its erection it was well filled upon the Sabbath, and the church was quite prosperous.

Upon the retirement of Mr. Winter, Rev. Jairus E. Strong became pastor of the church until 1839, when he removed to Lebanon, Me. Rev. Mr. Jones of Bennington, Rev. Dr. Cummings and Rev. Mr. Worth of Concord, with others, occupied the pulpit for some time.

The next settled pastor of the church was Rev. John Peacock, who was invited to become its pastor March 1, 1843. Mr. Peacock came to town the February previous.

Rev. John Peacock was the son of William Peacock, Jr., of Amherst, where he was born May 3, 1804. He was an evangelist, and labored in a good many of the towns in this state, much to the acceptance of those with whom he labored. Twenty-one persons united with his church whilst he was the pastor. He says of them,—“These were mostly active members, and some of them men of good judgment and some property, which made this a valuable accession to the church.”

Mr. Peacock remained but a short time, and was succeeded by Rev. David G. Mason, a graduate from New Hampton ; and so well pleased was the church with him and his labors, that they soon invited him to receive ordination and become their pastor. With this wish he complied, and was ordained May 15, 1845. Mr. Mason remained until 1847, when his connection with the church was dissolved, and he moved from town. He was the last minister the church had.

It is not for me to give the causes that led to the extinction of this church, for the larger part of its members have finished their earthly work, and we prefer to cover their deeds with the broad mantle of charity, "which suffereth long and is not puffed up."

This was at one time one of the most efficient of the churches of this denomination in the central part of the state ; and on July 27, 1836, it entertained, in an excellent manner, the clergymen composing the "Baptist Quarterly Ministers' Meeting" for central New Hampshire, composed of some of the ablest preachers of the denomination in the state.

Statistics of the church, so far as can be ascertained from its imperfect records :

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| Whole number of members to Jan. 1, 1839..... | 71 |
| Withdrawn..... | 1 |
| Excommunicated..... | 2 |
| Died | 9 |
| Dismissed..... | 31 |
| Number admitted after Jan. 1, 1839, until the church ceased to exist..... | 29 |
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| Total number of members..... | 100 |

Of this number, less than a dozen are now residing in this town. The deacons of this church were Moses Hoyt, Abijah Hildreth, Silas Colby.

METHODIST.

Rev. John Wesley, the eminent divine of England, being considered the father of the extensive revival that prevailed throughout the world during the latter part of the last century, determined to send ministers to this country, and for this purpose ordained, in 1784, three regular clergymen, and sent them over. Preferring the Episcopal mode of church government to any other, he set apart Rev. Thomas Coke, a presbyter of the Church of England, for the episcopal office, and directed him to set apart Rev. Francis Asbury for the same office. At this time there were already several organizations of the Methodists in various parts of the country; and a Methodist conference was held in Baltimore, at which Messrs. Coke and Asbury were received as their bishops. This was the foundation of the denomination in this country.

Their creed differs but little in word from that of other evangelical denominations, though more full and explicit in some things, and may be summed up in the following words, by which the members of the "United Society of Europe" (the first Methodist society in the world) bound themselves together:

A company of men and women, having the form and seeking the power of godliness, united, in order to pray together, to receive the word of exhortation, and to watch over one another, in love, that they may help each other to work out their salvation."

—A very simple, yet beautiful expressional creed. The denomination made rapid strides in growth, and was first recognized in this state, by law, June 15, 1807.

The first Methodist meeting in this town was held in the town-house during the summer of 1814, Rev. Mr. Bates being the preacher, who was then the preacher for this circuit, which included Henniker, Deering, and Unity. But few meetings were held until 1817, when Rev. Zenas Adams, of Canada, preached at the house of Zadoc Duston, where

George Colby now resides. At this time there were no open and avowed Methodists in town. Mr. Duston was his first convert, his wife being a Free-will Baptist. Meetings were now held often at the house of Mr. Duston, at the town-house, in the school-house upon the south side of the river near the town-house, and in the westerly part of Hopkinton.

In 1832 the first Methodist church in this town was embodied, one of the circuit-riders acting as pastor. The first class formed in town consisted of the following persons: Zadok Duston, Elizabeth Duston, Epha Sawyer, Charlotte Tucker, William Brooks, Isaac Brooks, Gardner Brooks,—seven in number. These, together with Isaac Harriman and his wife, and Joshua Colby and his wife, were some of the first members of the church when it was embodied. In 1834 (April 29) a house for public worship was erected upon the south side of the river, on the little knoll southerly from Henry C. Carter's. Isaac Harriman and Joshua Colby were the building committee. William Cressey was the master-builder. William Smith drew the timber for the building, and for the Congregational church, also, the winter previous, from "Wallace swamp," so called, Zadok Duston, Jr., assisting him. The house was built very plain, without a belfry or any ornamentation whatever, costing about fifteen hundred dollars. The pews were straight slips, without doors. The little plain pulpit stood in the north end, and quite small singing-seats were in the south end. The house seated about three hundred people. It was dedicated in September of the same year. From this time on, for twenty-two years, this house was the home of the church, which grew and became quite prosperous, and contained a large number of the most substantial men and women of the town. During most of this time it was the wealthiest church of the town. The church was always filled upon the Sabbath. Watch-meetings, to watch the old year out and the new year in, were held for a large number of years, but, like many another form, has now become extinct. In 1856, the society

having purchased the brick church upon the north side of the river, erected by the Baptist denomination, sold their meeting-house to Rufus S. Howe, which was converted into a barn upon the Noyes farm, where it still continues to do most excellent service. The neat and comfortable brick edifice has been the home of the church since that date.

Formerly, the preachers were allowed but two years' residence in one place, which rule has now been changed to three years, if the preacher and the church so desire.

Rev. George Pickering was the second preacher, and Rev. Dr. Snelling the third. The following circuit-riders succeeded them: Ezekiel Stickney, David Stickney, John Harriman, and David Harriman. The following are the names of those who have been preachers in this town: Rev. George Putnam, in 1834-35, preaching here when the meeting-house was built. Rev. Messrs. Scott and Howe preached at intervals before the erection of the meeting-house.

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| Caleb Duston..... | 1835-36 | L. H. Gordon..... | 1860 |
| Michael Quinby..... | 1837-38 | G. W. Norris (Sept.).... | 1861 |
| Moses Chase..... | 1839-40 | Josiah Hooper..... | 1862-63 |
| William T. Cass..... | 1841-42 | N. M. Bailey..... | 1864-65 |
| Abram Folsom..... | 1843-44 | Otis Cole..... | 1866-67 |
| John C. Haseltine..... | 1845-46 | G. W. T. Rogers (in part) | 1867 |
| Samuel Prescott..... | 1847-48 | H. S. Ward..... | 1868 |
| Joseph Palmer..... | 1849-50 | William H. Jones..... | 1869-70 |
| Abram M. Osgood..... | 1851-52 | Watson W. Smith..... | 1871-73 |
| John Gould..... | 1853-54 | George C. Powell..... | 1874-75 |
| Elijah Wilkins..... | 1855-56 | George H. Hardy..... | 1876-77 |
| William Iscariott..... | 1857-58 | John H. Steele..... | 1878-79 |
| G. W. S. Rogers..... | 1859-60 | | |

RECAPITULATION.

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| Whole number of members to 1877..... | 356 |
| Removed, by letter..... | 126 |
| Withdrawn..... | 20 |
| Expelled..... | 7 |
| Died..... | 126 |
| Present membership..... | 77 |
| Total..... | <u>356</u> |

FRIENDS OR QUAKERS.

The founder of the sect known as Quakers was George Fox, of England, who commenced to promulgate his peculiar tenets of faith about 1650. The name Quaker was given by Justice Burnet, of Derby, England, in 1650, who was admonished by Mr. Fox, when cited before him, "*to tremble and quake at the word of the Lord.*"

Intense opposition was manifested against them upon their first arrival in New England, in July, 1656. Some were sent back to England; others suffered imprisonment and general contempt. In a few years, however, a better spirit prevailed, and they no longer suffered for their opinions' sake.

A Friends' meeting was established in this town, as a branch of the meeting in Weare, in 1799. Timothy Peasley, Pelatiah Purington, Nath'l Chase, Hezekiah Purington, Daniel Newhall, Aaron Foster, Daniel B. Alley, Joseph Hussey, and Samuel Morrison were the founders. The meeting flourished for a large number of years; but the older members died, or moved from town, and many of their children partook of the ways of those outside the sect. The meeting has been quite small for years, though meetings are still regularly held. The members of this sect have at all times been some of the most worthy people of the town, and have ever maintained the highest character for morality and practical Christianity, which are the foundation stones of their belief.

Whole number of members from the commencement of the meeting to January 1, 1880, 336; present membership, 16. Ephraim Morrison and Daniel Alley have been preachers; Pelatiah Purington, John Page, and Lydia Page have been elders.

UNIVERSALISTS.

Although there has never been any regularly organized church of this denomination in town, the adherents of this

faith, with many others, have held many meetings here during the last seventy years. The meetings have largely been held in the old meeting-house. Among the clergymen of the denomination, who have preached here at different times, were Rev. Sebastian Streeter, one of the founders of the faith with Rev. Mr. Murray (he was here as early as 1811), Rev. Edward Evans, Rev. Adin Ballou, Rev. A. A. Miner, and others more or less eminent as preachers. A strong effort was made to organize a church, about the time of the dismissal of Mr. Sawyer; but Mr. Scales proved very popular, and united the people in a remarkable degree.

FREE-WILL BAPTISTS.

An attempt was made at one time to establish a society and embody a church here, under the auspices of this denomination. There were at one time quite a number of persons in town who were believers in this faith, members of various churches, but sufficient encouragement was not given, and nothing ever came of the effort.

CHAPTER X.

EARLY SETTLERS.

HOUSES—FIRES—WELLS—FOOD—CLOTHING—RELIGION—
SICKNESS AND DEATH—SERVING LIQUORS AT FUNE-
RALS—ENDURANCE OF MEN AND WOMEN—WRESTLING
MATCHES—SPINNING BEES—BELIEVERS IN SIGNS AND
WARNINGS—ANECDOTE—FRIENDSHIP FOR EACH OTH-
ER—ANECDOTE—ADDITIONS TO THE POPULATION—
CONTRAST—TOWNS AND TOWN GOVERNMENT.

THE desire for and love of home is characteristic of all races and nations of people. However royal and magnificent, or however humble, each is alike dear to its occupants. However rude were the first home structures in this township, within were comfort and good cheer. The houses of the first settlers were mainly constructed of logs, the roofs of which were covered with thatch or bark. As soon as saw-mills were put in operation, these gave way to larger and more substantial structures. Some were one and some two stories in height, and all constructed in the most faithful manner. There were generally two large square rooms in front, the kitchen, like too many in our dwellings of today, being in the rear of them, and in the most gloomy part of the house, extending nearly or quite its entire length. A huge fire-place generally occupied one third of one side of the room. Many of these fire-places were of great size, the "jambs" affording room for the whole family to warm themselves in. Great logs were rolled into them, which, with

finer wood, when well lighted, sent out a cheerful blaze that illumined the entire room.

Pine knots were the only lights for years. Before the fire all the meals for the family were cooked, bread being baked in tin or iron bakers. Their potatoes were roasted in the ashes, and their meats in the "tin kitchen," or by turning them upon the "spit" before the fire. The pots and kettles were suspended over the fire by "pot-hooks and trammels" attached to the crane in the fire-place. The dishes were placed upon the shelves on the "dressers," which usually occupied some corner of the room. The floors were scoured with sand, and swept with hemlock brooms. No room save the kitchen was ever warmed, except when some one was ill, or some gathering was had in the house. In the rest of the house the temperature was at zero, and below, many nights during the winter, and it was colder than many of our barns and sheds to-day; but no complaint was heard. There were no matches in those days; and the penalty for allowing the fire to die out upon the hearth was to go to some neighbor, often a mile away, for a burning brand. The tinder-box was to be found in some families, but it could not be relied upon to again light the fire.

Close by the house was the spring, or well of water, with its long sweep creaking upon its pivots, as the "moss-covered bucket arose from the well." Their barns and out-buildings were of the rudest construction, and afforded but little warmth to the inmates within them.

The food of these early settlers was of the simplest kind. Rye was the chief crop for years, and with rye-meal bread and stewed pumpkin and milk they were for the most part content. Boiled pork and beef were their meats, save what wild meats they were able to procure. For a change they sometimes had a basin of sweetened cider, with toasted bread in it, and a piece of cheese. On the Sabbath the more fortunate ones had tea or chocolate for breakfast, with doughnuts or pie. For luncheon at noon, on Sunday, cold

boiled potatoes and cold boiled meat were often used. Milk was a great article of food for them during the summer-time.

Their clothing was as simple and as scant as was their living. The men usually had but one suit of clothes. The old men had, in addition, a great-coat and a pair of boots, which lasted them a life-time. The men wore flannel shirts, and in the winter-time, shoes, always going barefooted through the warmer season. A silk handkerchief lasted a quarter of a century. The women wore flannel gowns in winter. The young ladies wore "wrappers" in summer, and when about their usual duties wore neither shoes nor stockings. They usually had one calico dress, and some had an extra one made of poplin or camlet. The sleeves were short, and did not come below the elbow: when dressed for Sundays they usually wore one or more ruffles on each arm, of nine or ten inches wide. They wore long gloves, secured at the elbow by "glove tighteners," made of black horse-hair. When in full dress, they wore caps on their heads.

These old settlers were hospitable, kind, devoted, and full of humor of a genuine type. The meeting-house and the minister always accompanied the settler. The old settlers of this town were strict observers of the Sabbath, all work ceasing with the going down of the sun on Saturday night. Every one that could be spared from home attended public worship when there was any service. It was also the custom to read the Bible, morning and evening, in most of the families, whether professors of religion or not. Their religion was of the pure Puritanical type, and they were most bitterly intolerant to those whose faith did not square with theirs. But from their doors no person was ever turned away hungry. Their humble fare was always ready to be divided among the needy. In times of sickness, their kindness was unbounded. When a death occurred in a population so small, it cast a gloom over the settlement, and the bereaved family received the sympathy of all. All work ceased

throughout the settlement until the body was buried. The exercises of the funeral rarely consisted of other than a prayer and reading of the Scriptures, and such a thing as a discourse at a funeral was rarely known until this century. There were generally twelve bearers: six of them were designated as "under-bearers," it being their duty to lower the coffin into the grave, and the bier was always placed over the grave when filled up. The mourners and the under-bearers always returned to the house of mourning. The practice of serving liquors at funerals was observed in this town for over half a century. All were seated, and it was passed around in little glasses. It is related, that at a funeral in this town, nearly a century ago, as the beverage was being passed around, one of the attendants was heard to caution several to be sparing in their libations, when Mr. Duncan, a sturdy old Scotchman, who was present as a mourner from a neighboring town, sang out, "Let 'em have a dram, and if ther's nae rum enough I will get enough;" and the good old man was ready to make his word good, for it soon transpired that he had brought a good supply with him.

The old settlers were mostly of a powerful frame and build, both men and women. Many of the women took their end of the log, when clearing the land, and could put a barrel of cider into a cart as readily as could the men. Many of the men were accustomed to shoulder a bushel of corn, carry it to Rumford—near where St. Paul's School is now—and return with the meal the same day. At all of the log-rollings, raisings, and huskings, of the men, humor abounded, and of such a kind, so serious, much of it, that there was a strangeness about it unknown to us in these days. The great game at all of these gatherings was the "wrestling match," in which hours were spent to show their skill and their strength. How close and exciting must have been many of these contests!—such large, powerful, withy, bony men, "for there were giants in those days." Men that could roll huge logs, kill bears, and carry heavy burdens for

miles upon their shoulders, were not men to be easily overcome in the wrestling-match. The women had their gatherings as well as the men. All the cloth worn by men and women was manufactured in the house, and it was an unusual thing to find a house that had not in it the flax-wheel, the spinning-wheel, and the loom. It was the delight of the women to meet at some neighbor's, carrying with them always the wheel and the flax, and spend a portion of the day in social intercourse. The merits and demerits of all were discussed, and the whole settlement was tried "as with fire in a crucible."

The early settlers were great believers in signs, warnings, and premonitions. Settled, as they were, in the wilderness, with few if any neighbors near them, every sound, almost, seemed to them supernatural. From a grand-daughter of Capt. Jonas Bowman, I have the fact, that on a terribly dark, windy, stormy night, shortly after the settlement of the township, he was awakened from sleep by a loud rap upon his cabin door, and a voice exclaimed, "A man has been drowned in the river!" Mr. Bowman arose, lighted a pine torch, opened the only door to his little cabin, but no one was to be seen. He examined around the door outside, but there were no foot-prints visible. He entered his cabin, looked at his clock, the fingers of which pointed at twelve, and thinking it too dark and stormy to venture out, he lay down again, but not to sleep. During the remainder of the night he reflected upon the strange voice he had heard. He arose with the early dawn, went to his neighbors,—Howe, Gould, and Stone,—told them his story, and together they went down to the ford of the river, close by, and there, just below the crossing, the dead body of a man was found, apparently drowned in an attempt to cross the river. The body was proved to be that of Nathan Reed, of Hopkinton, who was on his way to Hillsborough to see some friends. Who can blame them for believing in premonitions, after witnessing such scenes as this?

One of the most prominent characteristics of these early settlers was the friendship they had for each other, and their ever-ready kindness to assist each other in times of distress. They vied with each other in furnishing the necessary relief. The new settler was assisted in commencing his clearing and building his cabin. While the men were doing this, the women were busy spinning the flax and manufacturing the necessary articles of comfort for the family,—and all this as freely as though for themselves.

Thus the old settlers toiled and thus they lived, surrounded with discouragements that seemed like mountains before them, and the only wonder is that they bore up as bravely as they did. It is related of Capt. Jonas Bowman, that, being in the field one day, hoeing a little corn he was trying to raise, and meditating upon his lot and upon the prospect before him, he stood his hoe up in the field, went into the house, and announced to his wife his determination to abandon his farm and go back to Lexington, where he came from. His wife counselled with him, and assured him that better days were in store for them; that they must not murmur against a kind Providence; and announced herself ready to make any sacrifice for his good, but advised that they remain where they were, and trust the Lord. It is useless to add, that, under such a heroic, beautiful inspiration, he went back to his work contented with his lot, and for forty years afterward was one of the most prosperous and honored men of the town.

With the building of the log meeting-house and the dawning of the Revolution, and afterward, this township received a large addition to its population. Then came the Wallaces, the Gibsons, the Connors, the Whitneys, the Rices, the Colbys, the Woods, the Darlings, the Bowmans, the Cloughs, the Howes, the Whitmans, the Noyeses, the Harrimans, the Chases, the Miricks, the Rays, the Goulds, the Sawyers, the Marshes, the Morses, the Pages, the Plummers, the Browns, the Kimballs, the Adamases, the Goodenows, and

other families,—all good men and true, and all of whom made the town the better for their living in it, and whose descendants are to-day some of the best and most highly respected men and women that reside upon the hillsides and in the valleys of this good old town.

But few towns of its population have furnished a larger number of able and faithful men and women than has Hennifer. They have been, and still are, found in all the departments of life, occupying positions of honor and trust. As a striking contrast between the times we have been considering and the present, I give the following from an address delivered by the author of this history, upon the 4th of July, 1876, the centennial year :

For a moment, consider the contrast between the olden times and the new. The dwellings upon the hillsides and in the valleys of the town are, most of them, large and spacious, painted, and with blinds, surrounded by capacious barns and out-houses, the whole circled with neat and tasty fences. Inside of your dwellings you have carpets upon your floors, pictures upon your walls, sofas and lounges in your parlors and your sitting-rooms, and, instead of the music of the “loom, the wheel, and the distaff,” you have that of the sewing-machine, the piano, and the organ. You have the church, with its organ, its clock, and its comfortable seats. You have the post-office, the telegraph, and the rail-car which carries you in one short hour to Concord, in twelve to New York, and in forty-eight to Chicago, eleven hundred miles away. The busy hum of machinery is heard upon your river, one manufactory alone sending to market some of the very best book paper manufactured in all New England. You have the most improved implements of industry upon your farms, and the most improved machinery in your shops and mills. Your children have most excellent means for obtaining an education. You have an intelligent, thrifty population, whose hearts beat loyally for that liberty the old settlers vouchsafed them. How the hearts of those old settlers would have been touched, could they have rolled up the curtain one hundred years ago, and have seen what we see to-day,—a continent stretching from ocean to ocean, wrenched from the hand of Nature, teeming with forty millions of busy people ; the lightning in harness, flashing thought after thought instantaneously, as it were, around the earth ; miles upon miles of cotton and woollen fabrics woven daily from the little thread upon the spindle ; the

printing-press, throwing off its millions of sheets daily for the information of the people ; white-winged commerce, bearing to our shores the products of every clime in exchange for our own ; education within the reach of all, both white and black ; the arts and the sciences carried to a high state of perfection ; this republican form of government, which they helped to shape, and *for* which they pledged "their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honors," carried to a successful completion ! Aye, how amazed would they have been, could they have seen the locomotive and the rail-car coming up through these valleys and passing over these hills, *through* which and *over* which they bore their heavy burdens while struggling for their lives and for their homes !

CHAPTER XI.

EDUCATION.

SCHOOLS—SCHOOL-HOUSES—VOTERS IN 1800—ACADEMY
—OTHER SCHOOLS—TEACHERS.

PREVIOUS to 1773 there had been but few schools taught in town. No money had yet been raised by the town for the purpose of schooling. A private school of a few weeks had been taught by Mrs. Josiah Ward, in her kitchen, while she was attending to her household duties. This was the first school taught in town, and must have been about 1767. A private school was also taught soon after this time, in the south-east part of the town, probably at the house of Capt. Eliakim How.

The first money raised by the town for the purpose of schooling was at the annual meeting held March 1, 1773, when the town

Voted Nine Pounds Raised to support a Schule.

Voted to have a Schule this year.

The year following more money was raised, which was schooled out, as will appear by the following receipts :

Feby 18 1774, this Day Received of Ezekiel Smith Constable, the sum of one pound eighteen shillings, and five pence, three farthings of the towns money which is due to me for my wifes keeping school. I say received by me,

Alexander Patterson.

Henniker Octr 26 1774. Then Received of Aaron Adams

twelve shillings lawful money for my wife's teaching school. I say received by me,
Otis Howe.

Henniker, December 10 1774. This day received of the Selectmen, one pound one shilling of the towns money which is in full for seven weeks schooling done by my sister. I say received by me,
Thomas Johnson.

During the Revolution but little money was raised for schooling, all the energies of the people being required to meet the continual drafts that were made upon them for men and money necessary for the successful prosecution of the war. For the first eighteen years of the incorporation of the town, only two hundred and thirty dollars was raised for schooling—less than thirteen dollars per year. During this time, however, some private schools of a few weeks at a time were occasionally taught.

The first school-house in town was built of logs, and was situated on the bank of the river near the "Bend," in an easterly direction from the Plummer place. This was built during the Revolution. Another was soon afterwards erected in the westerly part of the town, near the present four-corners at the foot of Goss hill. Still another one was built in the south-west part of the town, near the present school-house in the Patten district, so called. It will be remembered that one of the terms under which the township was granted was, "one right of land should be reserved for the support of schools." At a meeting held January 9, 1786, the town

Voted to sell the School write of land.

Voted that the sum or sums that said Land is Sold for Shall Be Paid Annually for the support of a School and the Principal To Lie forever.

The interest only was intended to be thus used. Previous to this year there had been no regular districts laid out by the town. The few school-houses that were built had been placed where they would accommodate the most families, regardless of any district lines. At the annual meeting of this year (1786), the town

Voted to alter the School Deestricts.

A school committee of eight were chosen to see to the matter.

At a meeting held Feb. 27th, this year, the town again voted to sell the school right under the following terms, viz.,—

The sum that it is sold for to lay in the hands of the purchaser, they giving good security, and paying the interest annually, at 6 per cent.

2d Each lot to be set up separate.

3d five shillings to be a bid.

4ly if any dispute should arise between the bidders then the same shall be set up again.

5ly the deed to be given upon good security within two days after the sale.

6ly Any person, or persons, that shall bid off any or either, of said lots, and shall neglect, or refuse, to apply for a deed as aforesaid, he, the said bidder, shall forfeit and pay the sum of Three Pounds for the use and benefit of the town.

Amos Gould, Samuel Mansfield, and Joshua Heath were chosen a committee to sell and convey the land.

The school lots were,—Lot No. 8, 7th range, struck off to Dr. Edward Hunter for £107-10s.; lot No. 4, 3d range, to Stephen Adams, for £30-5s.; lot No. 7, 2d range, to Elisha Barnes, for £32-5s.

Jonas Bowman was vendue master.

At a meeting held March 31, 1788, the town voted to let each district manage its own financial affairs. Up to this time there had been no school in what is now the village. At this same meeting the town

Voted; Squadron for the middle of the town, may draw their proportion of school money for 1787.

In 1788, the town, having become divided into several districts, voted to take the several school-houses as the town's property, assessing their value, and paying each district its proportion. They were of but little value, all being built of logs, and very poorly finished. The school-houses, at this date, stood in what are now Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7,

9, and 12. Alterations have been made in these several districts since: some have been divided, and in others the lines changed. In 1790, the town, at its annual meeting, voted to build a school-house in each district, and chose a committee to locate and build the same. It was not done, however. The town took charge of the houses and the schools. The selectmen hired the teachers, determined the number there should be, and the length of the schools, having, in fact, a general supervision of the schools and school-houses. At the annual meeting, held in March, 1796, the town voted to let each district provide its own teachers, and that the children should not be confined to the district they lived in, but might attend any school that should convene them the best. The town also refused to divide the school-money according to the number of schools. In 1797, the town voted, for the first time, to divide the school-money equally among the scholars between the ages of four and twenty-one. At the annual meeting, held March 3, 1800, the town voted to build new school-houses as a town, and have them built by a town tax. A committee of ten were chosen to see how many districts there should be, how many school-houses, where they should be built if the district could not agree upon the location, and make a report of their doings to the town as soon as convenient. This committee made a report shortly after, dividing the town into ten districts, the following persons to comprise each district. We give their names to show the number of taxpayers in town at this date, and where they lived :

NO. 1, NOW NO. 13 AND PART OF NO. 1.

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| Aaron Adams, | Jer. Sargent, | Oliver Noyes, |
| William Adams, | Mr. Whitcher, | Robert Rogers, |
| Eliakim How, | Benjamin Pressey, | Thomas Stone, |
| Jonas Alexander, Jr., | Mr. Hardy, | Simeon Rogers, |
| William Gould, | Samuel Kimball, | Obediah Rogers, |
| Joshua Kimball, | Samuel Kimball, Jr., | Jedediah Kilbourn, |
| Daniel Colby, | Penn How, | Joseph Plummer, |
| Moses Whitaker, | Amos Gould, | Samuel Page. |

DISTRICT NO. 2, NOW NO. 12 AND PART OF NOS. 1 AND 2.

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| Joseph Gibson, | Elisha Barnes, | David Dole, |
| Gideon Adams, | John Whitman, | Joshua Heath, |
| Amos Whitney, | Benjamin Jacobs, | Hezekiah Purington, |
| John Goodenow, | Ezra Tucker, | Richard Dole, |
| Jasper Temple, | Ezra Tucker, Jr., | David Purington, |
| Moses Adams, | Samuel Cheney, | Amos Farrington. |
| Samuel Eastman, | Stephen Hardy, | |

DISTRICT NO. 3, NOW PART OF NOS. 1 AND 2.

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| Jonas Alexander, | David Pope, | Michael Archer, |
| Darius Whitcomb, | Jonathan Bowman, | Benjamin Clough, |
| John Smith, | David Bowman, | Nathaniel Folsom, |
| Nathaniel Chase, | Oliver Patch, | Ben. James Peaslee. |
| Joseph Hussey, | Thomas Pingree, Jr., | |
| Jonathan Hoag, | Thomas Pingree, | |

DISTRICT NO. 4, NOW PART OF NOS. 3 AND 10.

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| Simeon Simons, | Joshua Downing, | Joshua Harriman, |
| Pelataiah Purington, | Nahum Newton, | Ebenezer Harriman, |
| Daniel Newhall, | Jesse Campbell, | Levi Davis, |
| Thomas Howlett, | Thomas Hoagg, | Enoch Johnson, |
| Phinehas Ward, | Timothy Peaslee, | Benjamin Hoyt, |
| Joseph Marsh, | Joseph Bowyers, | Thomas Willson. |

DISTRICT NO. 5, NOW NOS. 3 AND 8.

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| Ephraim Morrill, | William Wallace, | George Little, |
| Daniel B. Alley, | Robert Wallace, | David Morrill, |
| John Sawyer, | Francis Withington, | Elias Haswell, |
| Levi Gove, | Jesse Ward, | Bela Butler, |
| James Joslyn, | Joseph Ward, | John Campbell, |
| Josiah Ward, | John Southwick, | Thomas Steward. |
| William Morrison, | Moses Huse, | |

DISTRICT NO. 6, NOW NO. 4, FORMERLY NO. 9.

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| Daniel Rice, | Joshua Whitney, | Thaddeus Warren, |
| Levi Colby, | Bezaleel Smith, | John Warren, |
| David Colby, | Thaddeus Gibson, | Mathias Heath, |
| Samuel Wadsworth, | Lewis Gibson, | Moses Smith, Jr., |
| Moses Smith, | Abel Dufur, | George Hoyt, |
| Manoah Harriman, | Joseph Wood, | Abner Harthorn, |
| Charles Rice, | Daniel Emory, | Eli Wood, |
| Samuel Smith, | John Harthorn, | Aaron H. Wadsworth. |
| Jonathan Wood, | Samuel M. Smith, | Elisha Rice. |

DISTRICT NO. 7, NOW NOS. 4 AND 5.

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| Lt. Bowman, | Eleazer Whitney, | Timothy Sprague, |
| David Campbell, | Timothy Abbott, | Micah How, |
| Dr. Thomas Brooks, | David Barrows, | Paul Harthorn, |
| Levi Bowman, | Joseph Patterson, | Charles Whitcomb, |
| Ezekiel Smith, | Nehemiah How, | Nathaniel Livingston, |
| Solomon Childs, | Ephraim Goss, | Silas Harthorn. |
| Ebenezer Harthorn, | David Clough, Esq., | |
| Benjamin Whitcomb, | Benjamin Gould, | |

DISTRICT NO. 8, NOW NO. 6.

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| Jonathan Gordon, | Nicholas Colby, | Stephen Adams, |
| David Gordon, | Moses Connor, | David Adams, |
| Jonathan Gordon, Jr., | Samuel Connor, | Eliphalet Colby, |
| Abel Gordon, | Noah Rice, | Thomas Putney, |
| David Connor, | William Myrick, | James Connor, |
| Aaron Eastman, | Moses Myrick, | John Tucker. |

DISTRICT NO. 9, NOW NOS. 7 AND 11.

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| Asa Gould, | Samuel Morrison, 3d, | Eli How, |
| Andrew Bancroft, | Samuel Farizel, | Moses Hoyt, |
| David Mansfield, | Jacob Peters, | John Kimball, |
| John Gould, | Jonathan Ray, | William How, |
| Levi Kemp, | Moses Duston, | William Kimball, |
| Levi How, | Capt. E. Whitman's | Peter How, |
| Stephen Whitaker, | farm, | Thomas Clough, |
| Moses Kezer, | Widow Stone, | Jonah Whitney, |
| Samuel Morrison, Jr., | Jonathan Sawyer, | Ebenezer Phillips. |

DISTRICT NO. 10, NOW NOS. 8 AND 11.

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| John Proctor, | Nathaniel Harthorn, | Edward Whitman, |
| Shuthelah Rice, | Daniel Jacobs, | Joshua Darling, |
| Rev. Jacob Rice, | James Wallace, | Isaac Patterson, |
| Isaac Whitney, | Thomas Brown, | Silas Whitcomb, |
| John T. Connor, | Josiah Morse, | Eben How, |
| John Connor, Jr., | Jonathan Eastman, | Elijah Rice, |
| Phinehas Campbell, | Joseph Eager, | Eliphalet Dufur, |
| Jonas Bowman, | Alex'r Patterson, Jr., | Francis Bowman, Jr., |
| James Hemphill, | William Bowman, | Oliver Whitcomb, |
| Aaron How, | Solomon Johnson, | Jacob Rice, Jr. |

Two hundred and twenty-one names in all.

At this same meeting, the vote that had been passed for the building of the several school-houses by the town was reconsidered, and the several districts built their own houses. For a good many years the school-money was divided among the districts by the scholar.

The school-houses now began to be located anew, the old ones mostly disposed of, and new ones built. They were built with a square roof, the four corners meeting in a point at the top of the roof. Save a little entry, the whole inside of the building was one room. Bench seats ran around the room upon three sides, with desks before them; on the other side of the room stood the fire-place, usually of large dimensions. The teacher's desk was near the fire-place.

An improvement also began in the number and kind of studies to be pursued. At the first schools but little was done save reading in the Testament and Catechism,—the latter answering for a question-book. After a while a Reader was introduced, and Dillworth's Spelling-Book: the teacher taught mathematics by examples originated by himself. Then came Daboll's and Pike's arithmetics, and the old American Preceptor for a reader. No grammar was taught in the schools until within the present century. Later came Adams's Arithmetic, the English Reader, and Marshall's Spelling-Book, with various other studies.

At the annual meeting in March, 1802, the same vote, or nearly the same, that passed in 1800, in relation to the town's building the school-houses, was passed, and a committee appointed to locate and build them, and to redistrict the town again. A meeting was held a few days after, at which this vote was reconsidered. At this meeting the town

Voted that no scholar should go out of his own district to school.

Again, in 1804, a similar attempt was made, but received little support.

A portion of the people were at first dissatisfied, from the

fact that the idea that a district could govern its own affairs as well as the town, and perhaps better, was contrary to their fixed principles in regard to such things. The town *must* have control, as a town, of both secular and religious matters. Hence it was difficult for them to conform to the improvements that were being made. About this time church and state became separated by the formation of a new religious society, and our old fathers trembled lest it was not for the best interests of the people at large. This determined opposition was kept up, however, and at the annual meeting, in March, 1805, the matter was again revived. The town chose a committee of one from each existing district to redistrict the town, so that there should be but seven districts instead of ten, giving the committee power, however, to make the number eight if they thought best. The town also voted to build in each district a new school-house, the one then standing to be appraised by the committee to district the town. The town further obligated itself to have the new school-houses ready by October of the following year. Robert Wallace, Jonas Bowman, and Joshua Darling were chosen a committee to see that the houses were built. The building of each house was to be let to the lowest bidder. This committee made a report to the town in May of this year. They established eight districts, where are now Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8. The school-house on the common was sold for \$287.50, and the one at Westbury Corner for \$152.50. No record of any other sale was made. No. 1 then contained 38 proprietors; No. 2, 33; No. 3, 31; No. 4, 31; No. 5, 26; No. 6, 18; No. 7, 24; No. 8, 40;—total, 241.

In the year 1806 the Friends began to agitate the matter of being allowed their proportion of the school-money, to be by them expended as they thought fit. At a meeting held March 17, 1807, a committee of five was chosen to "Converse with the Friends, relative to giving them their proportion of the school Money." This committee made a report

to the town, one week later, and recommended the town "to set off their proportion to be laid out in schooling in their own way and in their own house" (for they had built a house at their own expense); but the town took a different view of the matter, and refused to vote them their proportion. This petition was signed by Daniel B. Alley and "sundry other Friends."

A committee of three from each district was chosen to inspect the schools at their commencement and at their close. A man was also chosen in each district to take care of the school-house. The teachers were hired by the selectmen. Jonas Bowman, one of the committee to build the houses, died in 1807, and Thaddeus Gibson was chosen in his place.

In 1808 the town voted to lay out one third of the money for schooling in the summer. This has been substantially followed ever since. The schools had been mostly taught in the winter, and by males. The vote this year was as follows:

That each District may lay out one third of its school Money, by hiring a School Mistress qualified by law, in the Summer season, if they think best.

This was the commencement of summer schools, and of the employment of females as teachers.

In 1809, Rev. Moses Sawyer, Joshua Darling, and Hon. Robert Wallace were chosen a committee to superintend the schools. This was the first committee chosen without reference to districts, and was the beginning of superintending school committees.

In 1810 the Friends again made an attempt to have their own school-house and school-money set off to them, so that they might be independent of the rest of the town. The town thought it would not be politic to do so, and declined to grant their request.

In 1812 the town

Voted to choose three men in each and every district, to visit their school at such times as they may think proper, and invite in any Gentleman they may choose, to hear the scholars in their respective studies, and advise the master relative to the Government of the School, &c.

The Friends and a few other families having built a school-house, asked the town, in 1816, to be made a separate district. The town, at its annual meeting, chose a committee to investigate the matter, and to report to the town. They reported favorably; and the town voted to create a new district, with the understanding that the school-house should become the property of the town. This was acceded to, and District No. 10 was formed. No. 3 were authorized to remove their school-house nearer the centre of the district, which they did, near the spot where their present neat little school-house stands. The town publicly thanked No. 3 for their liberality in building so good a house, and for presenting it to the town free of expense.

There was as yet no school-house in the village, upon the north side of the river. In 1819 they asked the town to move the school-house to the centre of the district. As this would carry the house upon the north side of the river, the town gave District No. 8 the privilege of dividing their school-money as they saw fit.

In 1822 a committee of one from each district was chosen by the town, to take into consideration the propriety of dividing District No. 8, and the lines in such other districts as they might think proper. This committee made a report, at the annual meeting in 1823, recommending the division of District No. 8, the river to be the boundary line, except Luther Harthorn, who had a carding-mill where the kit-shop now is, and Lieut. Joel How, who then owned the mills now owned by Mr. Gutterson. No. 11 was thus created; and a school-house was built near where the shoe-shop was moved from.

In 1824, Rev. Moses Sawyer was chosen superintendent

of schools, the first time there had been less than three for that purpose.

In 1827, the selectmen appointed the superintending school committee for the first time.

November 27, 1841, a meeting of the town was held, at which it was

Voted to divide District No. 1 through the centre of the School House, North and South.

District No. 13 was formed from the east side of this line.

Another town-meeting was held, December 15th of the same year, to see if the town would unite these two districts. The town did nothing in regard to the matter.

The school-house in No. 1 was located this year, by a committee appointed for the purpose, and the spot where it now stands was selected. The first brick school-house in the town was built by this district.

ACADEMY.

The opening of the year 1836 found this town in the full tide of its prosperity. Although the population had diminished somewhat from that of 1820, still it was so small as to be hardly perceptible in the business interests of the town. The farms were all occupied, and machinery began to be used quite extensively upon the water-power of the town. Two years previous had witnessed the building of three substantial churches. The year previous had witnessed the building of a stone bridge across the river at the centre of the town, which was of itself both ornamental and useful; also a fine, substantial wooden bridge across the river at the upper village,—both costing some \$6,000. It was then that the people of the town began to turn their attention more to their educational interests. For some time the matter of erecting an academy here had been discussed in a casual manner; but, believing that the true standing of the

town depended upon the intelligence of its inhabitants, and that the more intelligent and educated its people were, the more industrious, contented, and happy would they be, making the town a more desirable place of residence for all, a few of the leading citizens set themselves to work to see what could be done. A committee was chosen to ascertain how much could be obtained towards such an object. The matter was voluntary, and the money was raised by subscription. The people took hold of the project quite liberally; and such success had been met with, that a meeting of the shareholders was held at the office of Samuel Smith, Esq., April 4, 1836, at which meeting Hon. Joshua Darling was called to preside, and Samuel Smith was secretary.

This meeting voted to build an academy; and it chose as a committee to procure land for the purpose, Page Eaton, Col. D. C. Gould, and Abel Connor. A committee was appointed to report a plan for the building, consisting of Rev. Jacob Scales, Dr. Nathan Sanborn, and Horace Childs. A building committee was also chosen, to ascertain the price for which the building could be erected, and to contract the same, consisting of Abel Connor, Horace Childs, and Col. D. C. Gould. A committee of three was chosen to procure an act of incorporation, consisting of Hon. Joshua Darling, Rev. Jacob Scales, and Samuel Smith, Esq. It was voted to incorporate in the name of the town of Henniker, and that the names of the subscribers to the shares be in the act of incorporation. Col. Imri Woods was representative that year, who was requested to present the petition, and to take the matter in charge.

At a meeting of the shareholders, held at the vestry of the Congregational church, May 2, the report of the committee upon a plan for the building was read and accepted. Everything relating to the building was left in the hands of the building committee. The committee upon location, after viewing different situations, decided upon the one where it now stands, which was given by Horace Childs,

and which is the pleasantest that could be found. An effort was made to locate it at a point midway between the two villages, but for some reason this failed.

At a meeting held at the vestry, May 16, the following gentlemen were chosen trustees of the institution: Rev. Jacob Scales, Dr. Nathan Sanborn, Hon. Joshua Darling, Samuel Smith, Esq., Page Eaton, Esq., Abel Connor, Horace Childs, Col. Stephen H. Long, of Hopkinton, Rev. Jubilee Wellman, of Warner, John Grimes, Esq., of Deering, Rev. Orlando G. Thatcher, of Bradford, and Gen. Anthony Colby, of New London,—all of whom accepted save Col. Long. Additions have been made from time to time to the board of trustees, by the election of the following gentlemen: In 1837, Col. D. C. Gould, Robert M. Wallace, Esq., Moses Brown, Esq.; 1838, Jonas Wallace, James Wilkins; 1843, Jacob Sawyer, Oliver Pillsbury, Capt. Jonathan Cogswell; 1858, Jeremiah Foster, Esq., Horace Gibson, Zadok Duston, Jr., Carlton S. Dodge, Daniel Cogswell; 1859, Oliver Pillsbury, Dr. Wm. W. Wilkins, Edward B. S. Sanborn, Ephraim Dutton, Hillsborough, Horace Gove, Deering, Stephen K. Hoyt, Warner, Ira A. Eastman, Manchester (did not accept), William L. Foster, Concord, Nehemiah Colby, Bradford, Josiah G. Dearborn and William H. Gove, Weare.

Rev. Jacob Scales, Samuel Smith, Esq., and Dr. Nathan Sanborn were chosen a committee to report upon the most proper books to be used.

The act of incorporation was received, incorporating "Jacob Scales, Joshua Darling, Nathan Sanborn, Samuel Smith, Page Eaton, Abel Connor, Horace Childs, Jonathan P. Darling, Daniel C. Gould, and their associates, successors, and assigns," under the name of The Henniker Academy. The extent of their powers in money matters was ten thousand dollars. Jacob Scales, Nathan Sanborn, and Joshua Darling, or either two of them, were authorized to call the first meeting under the act of incorporation. The act was a simple act of incorporation, giving the parties all the pow-

ers necessary to a successful carrying out of the enterprise. Isaac Hill was governor.

The building was immediately put under contract to Mr. Horace Childs, above the foundation. Mr. David Bowman dug the cellar, and stoned it with split granite. Mr. Childs raised the building, and finished it in the fall, so as to be ready for the spring term. Aug. 15, a meeting was held, at which Joshua Darling, Dr. Nathan Sanborn, and Samuel Smith were appointed a committee to draft a code of by-laws for the institution. Nov. 11, the committee reported the following code, which was adopted:

BY-LAWS OF THE HENNIKER ACADEMY.

The object of this institution is to afford instruction to young persons of both sexes in all branches taught in academies in New England. It is to be arranged in one or more departments, as circumstances require and admit. The institution shall be under the direction of a Principal, and such assistants from time to time as the Trustees shall think necessary.

1st The number of Trustees shall not exceed twelve, of whom a majority shall belong to Henniker. All vacancies shall be supplied by their own choice.

2^d The Annual Meeting of the board of trustees shall be holden at the close of the fall term.

3^d A President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be chosen at each annual meeting; also a committee of three shall be chosen annually to transact the prudential business of the institution, and to give advice to the Principal in matters of peculiar interest or difficulty: and to give their approbation of the books to be used in the academy.

4th Any five members shall constitute a quorum.

5th Meetings of the board may be called by the President, or at the request of any three Trustees.

Of terms and duties of students.

1st There shall be four terms, of eleven weeks each, in a year; beginning on the second Tuesday after the Commencement at Dartmouth College and followed by a vacation of two weeks.

2^d There shall be a public examination each term, or semi-annually, as the Trustees may elect.

3^d No person shall be employed as Principal who is not a credible professor of religion.

4th The public exercises of each day shall commence with the word of God and prayer: and all members of the institution shall be present at these exercises, unless excused by the Principal. And it shall be the duty of all students to attend public worship on the Sabbath, unless excused by the Principal.

5th Students shall not be allowed to visit each others' lodgings, nor to walk, nor ride for amusement, on the Lord's day.

6th All playing at cards, or dice, or any other game of chance for gain or amusement, and all profane language, is strictly forbidden.

7th No student shall spend his time by loitering at any store, shop, tavern, or place of similar resort.

8th No student shall be absent from any exercise prescribed, without permission of the teacher, or rendering a satisfactory excuse; and all instances of tardiness shall be carefully noticed.

9th Silence, and strict attention to study and instruction are required during the hours of attendance.

The following persons have been principals of this institution:

Breed Batchelder, spring of 1837, first term.

J. Webster Pillsbury, fall of 1837.

Charles D. Fitch, for one year, fall of 1838 to fall of 1839.

Franklin George, fall of 1839 to winter term of 1840.

Samuel Badger, winter term of 1839-40.

Rev. Isaac D. Stevens, spring term of 1840.

Rev. Mr. Roe, winter term of 1840 and 1841.

Mr. Wing, spring term 1841; Isaac D. Stewart.

Richard Lane, fall term, 1841.

Daniel Foster, spring term, 1842.

William Cowper Foster, fall term, 1842.

John S. Woodman, fall and winter, 1843.

Augustus Berry, fall terms, 1846, 1847, 1848, 1849, 1850.

Mr. Winchester, fall term, 1851.

Henry E. Sawyer, fall term, 1852.

A. M. Johnson, spring term, 1853.

Ned Howe, spring and fall terms, 1854.

M. S. Thompson, fall terms, 1855 and 1856.

Hiram Rice, spring term, 1856.

Mr. Page, fall term, 1857.

Thomas L. Sanborn, three terms per year from fall term of 1858, closing spring term, 1862.

James L. Vose, 1863.

Henry Colby, fall term, 1865.

Mr. Johnson, 1866 and 1867.

The following females have been teachers in the institution :

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| Miss Mary L. Childs, | Miss Heath, | Mary Childs, |
| Miss Anne Maria Johnson, | Achsah L. Cheney, | Susan C. Eastman, |

and others.

William M. Chase, of Canaan, and Mr. Abbott, of Maine, were assistants with Mr. Sanborn.

The following persons have been presidents of the Board of Trustees :

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| Rev. Jacob Scales, | Samuel Smith, Esq., | John J. Prentiss, |
| Moses Brown, Esq., | Daniel C. Gould, | Jacob Sawyer. |
| Horace Childs, | | |

Dr. Nathan Sanborn, Horace Gibson, and Edward B. S. Sanborn have been secretaries.

The school for several years was quite prosperous, and a large number of students attended from this and the adjoining towns. Lectures were given upon the various branches taught, much to the edification of the students and the people, who were always invited to these entertainments. A lyceum was established and kept up for many years, in the debates of which some of the leading citizens took a prominent part with the students. The instructors were able and faithful, and a good deal of interest was exhibited upon the part of the people towards making the terms profitable and pleasant to all. But as the population of the town diminished, and a good many of the founders of the institution died or moved from town, the interest was allowed to abate, and for many years only one term was taught during the year. Mr. Sanborn, after graduating, set himself at work to again build up the school, and succeeded to a degree that was very pleasing, not only to himself, but to the people of the town. The breaking out of the war of the Rebellion again broke up the school. But few terms have been taught since, and those have not been very fully at-

tended. The rise and decline of the institution only still further demonstrates the fact that institutions of this kind, without a fund to support them, cannot compete with the larger and well-endowed institutions which have arisen in various directions. Another and a very serious hindrance to the success of the school in later years has been the aversion of the people to accommodate those wishing board. Many could not accommodate them, and others felt hardly equal to the trouble that arose from accommodating students. At one time a movement was made to hire or purchase the three-story brick block at the corner of the street below for a boarding-house, but the project never succeeded.

Notwithstanding all of these hindrances, a large number of students have pursued their studies here, either fitting themselves for college, or pursuing their studies so far that a short time at some other academy found them prepared for higher institutions. Hon J. W. Patterson, Hon. James W. Childs, Rev. Augustus Berry, Rev. Nathan F. Carter, Rev. Henry E. Sawyer, Miss Edna Dean Proctor, Rev. Addison P. Foster, Robert Wallace, Esq., Frank B. Medica, Esq., William B. Fisher, Esq., together with a large number of others whose names are not given, but who are filling high and honorable positions in the great drama of life, have attended this institution, and here laid the foundation for that knowledge that has led them on from one success to another, until many of them fill positions that are honorable, and have a name that will live long in the future ages. Mr. Enoch L. Childs taught the term during the fall of 1836, while the academy was being built, in Col. Gould's hall, afterwards owned by Mr. Stone. Mr. Childs was a graduate of Yale, and was an excellent teacher.

OTHER SCHOOLS.

Before the erection of the Academy, many terms of a private school were taught, in Bartlett's hall, in the house now

owned and occupied by George W. Rice, by different teachers, which was very fully attended. Mr. Nichols taught the first school in that hall in 1826. In 1831 Calvin Butler taught in the same hall. David P. Perkins taught several terms in the hall of the brick building now owned and occupied by William E. Davis. He was a very competent and successful teacher, and had a crowded school. Many of his pupils, after the lapse of upwards of forty years, look back with pleasure to the instruction received under him. The efforts made by the people of this town in the cause of education have been most creditable to them, and no one has been allowed to grow up in ignorance save by his own wish and desire.

Among the older teachers of the town were James Adams, "Master Connor," Mrs. Josiah Ward, who used for a table the stump over which her cabin was built, Mrs. Alexander Patterson, Mrs. Otis Howe, Ichabod Bartlett, afterwards a member of congress, and one of the ablest lawyers of this state, Jacob Gibson, Isaac Rice, Isaac Long, Timothy Darling, and a host of worthy men and women, whom I shall mention in the genealogical register of the town.

One book in constant use in the schools of the olden time was the "Shorter Catechism." It was used alike in the school and at home, and ignorant indeed was the boy or the girl who could not repeat it all by the time they came to years of discretion. It has now become obsolete in both the school and the home, but whether for the better or the worse, is for others to determine. Until the present century, the wages for teachers were from six to eight dollars per month and board, and females fifty cents a week and board.

CHAPTER XII.

MILITARY HISTORY.

OPENING OF THE REVOLUTION—PATRIOTISM OF THE PEOPLE—MILITIA ACT—FIRST CENSUS—TRIAL OF JOSEPH KIMBALL, ESQ.—COUNTY CONGRESS—ASSOCIATION TEST—NAMES OF MEN WHO SERVED IN THE REVOLUTION—BRAVERY OF THE MEN—JOSEPH PATTERSON WOUNDED—SETTLEMENT OF SOLDIERS' ACCOUNTS—RECAPITULATION.

THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR.

AS the town was dotted here and there with the little patches of cleared land, upon which were situated the rude dwellings which in time were to give way to more comfortable structures, the mutterings of the on-coming storm of the Revolution began to be heard. The iron fingers of George the Third were more firmly closing around the throats of the loyal colonies. Debauchery and corruption at home demanded more revenues, and to the colonies of America were his eyes directed for relief.

The spirits of the colonies became deeply depressed during the winter of 1774-'5. A cloud was gathering over them that the wiser ones saw must end only in open conflict. A duty of resistance was instilled into the minds of the colonists, or they must forever be subjugated to serfdom. The settlers of this town were in sympathy with this feeling, and they waited anxiously for the first tidings of the

opening of the conflict. This spirit of resistance became more intensified as the storm deepened; and when the skirmish took place at Lexington, on the morning of the 19th of April, 1775, the Revolution began. Couriers were sent in all directions, giving the alarm. Early on the morning of the 20th a messenger on horseback came galloping through this town, giving the alarm, and calling for help. How quickly was that appeal responded to!

Ephraim Goss, who was ploughing near his house, unyoked his oxen, left his plough in the furrow, stepped into his house, and, taking his trusty old fire-lock from the wooden hooks upon which it hung, bade his family good-by, mounted his horse, and was away for Lexington.

Charles Whitcomb, who was near the log meeting-house, with his oxen hitched to a pair of wooden wheels, unyoked his oxen, and, heading them for home, headed his horse for the south.

Jonas Bowman did not stop to unyoke his oxen, but, bidding his family good-by, hurried to the scene of action in his own native town.

The Pattersons, fired with a glowing zeal of resistance to the British minions, came down from the hill and hurried to join their comrades.

Cornelius Bean, who had seen much service in the French and Indian War, left his team in the furrow, and hastened to Lexington.

James Reed, who lived in the east part of the town, was mending fence. He laid down his axe, picked up his gun, and was soon out of sight.

The exact number of men who went from this town to Lexington cannot be ascertained. Others in addition to the names given above were of the number. How dearly those old patriots must have prized their homes, and how strongly they must have longed for that priceless boon, liberty, for which and to receive which they pledged "their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honors!"

Runners were immediately sent to the several towns and parishes of the state to send delegates to Exeter, to consult upon measures to be adopted to meet the exigencies of the times. Timothy Gibson was the delegate chosen from this town.

The delegates met at Exeter, and formed a provincial congress, on the 17th of May, 1775. A committee of safety for the state was appointed; and each town was requested to form one within its limits, which should report to the committee of safety for the state. It was the duty of this committee to keep a strict watch over the inhabitants of the town. If any were suspected of furnishing aid and comfort to the enemy, they were publicly dealt with.

Joseph Kimball, Esq., one of the most prominent citizens of the town, one of the selectmen at the time, and who had been appointed a justice of the peace, was suspected of disloyalty. He was summoned to appear before the committee of safety for this town, to answer the charges preferred against him. The meeting was held in the log meeting-house, June 12, 1775. After a careful examination of the facts in his case, the committee made the following report to the state committee:

Henniker June ye 12 1775.

The Resolves of the Committee met to discourse Joseph Kimball Esquire, concerning his political principals in the dispute betwixt Brittain and this North America, Accusations as follows: viz: the s^d Kimball did say that he did not blame General Gage for coming to this North America But did not justify, or approve his evil Conduct since he has been in ye Country. Further, the s^d Kimball is for keeping up civil authority. Further the s^d Kimball being accused of speaking favorably of Gov. Wentworth—But discoursing the Committee before the body of the people and finding the people disaffected, the s^d Kimball saith he is sorry that the people are uneasy with him: and that he is sorry if he hath given any provocation of offense. But means to do all so far as lies in his power to Propegate ye liberty cause, and we the s^d Committee of Safety do Receive ye said Kimball as a friend to the Common Cause.

Jonas Bowman,
Joseph Lewis,

Aaron Adams,
William Powers
Committee.

The charges made against him were of a serious nature; but there was a misunderstanding as to the meaning of what he had said. He was willing to agree that the cause then so dear to every heart should not suffer through him. Mr. Kimball made his promise good. He was chosen selectman again the next year, and throughout the war was one of the most zealous and influential citizens of the town and the state in furthering the cause of liberty.

This congress continued the militia laws then in force, provided for the raising and equipping of men, and for the safety of the towns. After the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776, another congress was convened at Exeter. A new militia law was now called for; and the two houses passed an "Act for the forming and regulating of the Militia within the State of New Hampshire." It provided for two classes of soldiers,—*a training band* and *an alarm list*. The training band consisted of all the able-bodied male persons in the town between the ages of sixteen and fifty years, except certain persons in office, and negroes, Indians, and mulattoes. The alarm list included all between the ages of sixteen and sixty-five years not included in the training band, and not exempted by law. They were to serve as a separate corps, and were not subject to be called out of the town by any officer under the rank of colonel. Once in six months they were to be called out by the captains of the training bands, to have their arms and accoutrements inspected. The alarm was to be given by firing three guns in succession, by firing the beacon, and the drums beating the alarm. The beacon was a large pile of combustible matter placed upon the highest hill. The one in this town was on Craney hill. It was often fired during the war, and was as often answered by the beacons of the neighboring towns. Strict watch was kept throughout the town for any approach of danger. These guards were taken from the men under sixty years of age.

In case of being called out in an emergency, the officers

and men were to take with them at least three days' rations, and the selectmen were to immediately cause carriages (carts) to attend them with further necessary provisions, and utensils to cook the same.

Treating with victuals or drink on any training or muster days subjected any officer so offending to be removed from office by court-martial. When called out, "each officer and private soldier was to equip himself, and be constantly provided with a good *Fire Arm*, good ramrod, a worm, priming wire, and brush, and a bayonet fitted to his gun, a scabbard and belt therefor, and a cutting sword, or a tomahawk, or a hatchet; a pouch containing a cartridge box, that will hold fifteen rounds of cartridges at least, a hundred buckshot, a jack knife and tow for wadding, six flints, one pound of powder, forty leaden balls, fitted to his gun, a knapsack, a blanket, a canteen, or wooden bottle sufficient to hold one quart." Each town was to provide, and deposit in some safe place, for use in case of an alarm, a certain number of spades or shovels, axes, and picks, and to provide arms and equipments for those unable to provide them for themselves.

Such were the conditions the inhabitants of this town were obliged to keep themselves in, ready for a start at a moment's notice. And still it was not an uncommon or irksome task to them, so accustomed had they become to be on the alert; for they had been brought up in times which required a constant guarding against danger, and when even the stirring leaf in the forest might be the forerunner of the approach of an enemy. The readiness with which these old patriots answered every call for men, and the promptness with which they appeared at the scene of action, soon showed the British minions that they had a different class of soldiers to deal with than any they had yet met upon the field of battle; that they had "foemen worthy of their steel," and were to combat with men who had been tried in the "furnace of affliction," and who had not been found wanting in the hour of danger.

In compiling the roll of the men from this town who served in the Revolution, we have endeavored to make it as full and complete as possible. After a careful and patient searching of the Revolutionary records now on file in the adjutant-general's office of this state, and from various other sources, we have gathered names and dates in such numbers that we think the roll must be nearly or quite complete. Such has been our aim; and if any name has been omitted, it has been for the want of proper information rather than an intentional error. Quite a number of names appear of those who enlisted more than once: those we have numbered in the order of their enlistments.

The British forces, flushed with their successes at Lexington and Concord, were bold and defiant. Troops were called for in all directions. The following men from this town enlisted for nine months, April 23, 1775,—four days after the fight at Lexington,—and were in the battle of Bunker Hill, June 17, 1775. Together with the rest of the little American army, they were entrenched behind breastworks between Breed's hill and the Mystic river. Against this line the British hurled their best disciplined troops. Most gallantly did they defend their position; and when at last they were obliged to retreat, they did so *with their faces to the enemy!* Among the very last to fall back were the gallant soldiers of this town. The names of these men are as follows:

Alexander Patterson,
James Dunlap,
John Gordon,
John Stone,
Samuel Eastman,
Cornelius Bean,
Joseph Marsh,
Charles Whitcomb,
Elijah Rice,
George Bemain,
Samuel Wardsworth,

Amos Gould,
Isaac Patterson,
James Carr,
James Palmer,
John Barnes,
James Stone,
Joseph Clough,
Abraham Kimball,
Ephraim Goss,
Amos Gould,
James Reed.

These men were in Capt. Hutchins's company and Gen. John Stark's brigade. Alexander Patterson and Abraham Kimball were wounded. The government charged Mr. Patterson three shillings for the loss of his equipments. Mr. Kimball lost his gun. James Reed will be remembered as one who so promptly responded to the appeal for help after the skirmish at Lexington. It is said, that as he passed out of town that morning, he stopped at Capt. Aaron Adams's and took a huge drink of cider. He never returned to town, having been killed at Bunker Hill.

The following persons are named upon the record, but no date of their enlistment is given. They were in the battle of Bunker Hill, and are recorded as having enlisted for "Henerka."

Ezekiel Stone,

John Clough.

In June, 1775, a company of rangers was raised for the defence of the frontiers on Connecticut river, under the command of Capt. Timothy Bedel. In July, two other companies were raised for the same purpose, when Capt. Bedel was commissioned colonel. The following men enlisted from this town July 10, 1775, for three months, and served in the rangers under Capt. John Parker:

John T. Connor,
William Powers,

Jonathan Basford.

These men did duty in the fort at Charlestown, on the Connecticut, and thence up as far as Haverhill.

A census was now taken of the inhabitants of the town, under the following order:

In Provincial Congress,
New Hampshire August 25th, 1775.

Wheras, it is necessary that an exact Account of all the Inhabitants of this colony should be taken, in order to be transmitted to the Congress of the United American Colonies:

Therefore resolved, that it be recommended to the Selectmen

of the several Towns and Parishes and other Places in this Colony, to take an exact Number of the Inhabitants of their respective Districts, including every soul in the same, in separate Columns, as follows :

Males under 16 years of age ; males from 16 years of age to 50. not in the army ; all males above 50 years of age ; Persons gone in the army ; all Females ; Negroes and Slaves for life.

And in such Places where no Selectmen are chosen, that the Selectmen of the next adjacent Town take the same ; or some suitable person living in such Place by their Appointment. And that the return thereof be made to the Committee of Safety for said Colony, as soon as may be, by the Select men or Select Man or Person Appointed, who shall take the same, upon oath to their Fidelity and Impartiality therein, which Oath any Justice of the Peace, or Town Clerk, is impowered to administer. And whereas a late Requisition of this Congress, that every town, Parish and other Places within this Colony, return the Number of the Fire Arms in their respective Districts, fit for use, and the number wanting to compleat one for every person capable of using them, has not been complied with ; therefore it is now earnestly recommended that the same be forthwith done, adding these to the Quantity of Powder in each Place, and where there is a Publick Stock, to return a separate Account thereof, and that the whole be returned to the Committee of Safety for this Colony. And it is further recommended that no Part of the aforementioned business be delayed : for its being as speedily done as possible, will be of great Utility to the Colony ; and it is strictly, further enjoined, upon all Selectmen, and Committees, to endeavor to prevent all persons from burning their Powder in shooting at Birds and other Game.

By Order of Congress,

Matthew Thornton,

President.

The selectmen immediately took a careful census of this town, under this order, and made the following report :

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| Males under 16 years of age, | 117 |
| do. from 16 years of age to 50 not in the army, | 67 |
| All males above 50 years of age, | 15 |
| Persons gone in the army, | 9 |
| All Females, | 158 |
| Negroes and Slaves for life, | 1 |
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| Total, | 367 |

Henniker, Sept ye 15th 1775.

In obedience to your Req't we have taken a true number of the Inhabitants of this Town and armes, and have Set them in their Collums according to your directions; we have made Sarch for Powder but find there is none of any value.

From Yours to Sarve.

Joseph Kimball, } Selectmen for
Aaron Adams, } Henniker.

David Campbell was the other selectman for this year, but he was away in the service, and the census was taken by the other two.

At a legal meeting, held Tuesday, May 23, 1775, Captain Jonas Bowman was chosen "to go to Amherst to Joyn the County Congress." This was the third county congress that had been called to meet at Amherst to devise means and measures for the better protection of the inhabitants of the county. A circular was issued to the several towns of the county, a portion of which has been preserved, and reads as follows :

God forbid! Let every Breast swell with disdain at the Impious thought. The British troops have invaded every Sacred Right of Nature. Then let us defend them as long as we have life. And we believe the Great God that Gave them to us will look down with gracious Approbation and Cause us and our Posterity to Rejoice in his Salvation. And while we are vigorously Defending ourselves against the attacks of the British Troops, it is expedient and equally necessary to give due attention to our internal Policy in this County.

Stimulated by these reflections, we have Thought proper, by and with the advice of a number of Respectable men in Amherst, to appoint a County Congress. Accordingly Wednesday the 24th of this instant May, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon, at the Court House in said Amherst, is appointed for that purpose, to consider and determine upon the following particulars, viz. : First, To see if the Congress will appoint a Committee of Corrispondence to wait upon or join with the Congress in the Province of Massachusetts Bay.

Secondly, To go into some measure for the better security of the internal Polity of this County to prevent declining into a State of Nature.

Thirdly, Enforce a strict Adherence to the association of

the late Continental Congress. It is desired that you send your Delegates, and with them, a Certificate of their appointment.

Gentlemen we are your
obedient Servts

Daniel Campbell, } Committee for
Jona Martin } Calling a Congress.

May 13th A. D. 1775.

This congress met upon the day designated, and voted to acquiesce in the resolves that had been passed by the Continental Congress. It was also

Voted a Committee to act on any affairs that may come before them, or any seven of them to be a Corram to act till further orders.

This committee consisted of fifteen persons, of which Mr. Jonas Bowman was one.

The following is the oath or declaration required of all persons suspected of disloyalty, and which they were to assent to :

I A. B. Do solemnly swear by the great Name of the Everliving God, that I will Do my duty as a good Subject of this State of New Hampshire, that I will to the utmost of my power and ability Disclose and make known to some officer or Magistrate acting for and under the authority of the united States, or some one of them, all plots & Conspiracies which I know or may Come to my knowledge, against this state, or these united States of America, or any one of them, as Independent of and in opposition to the King of great Britain, and that I will not Directly or indirectly aid, assist, advice, or give intelligence to any person or persons, acting under the Authority of the said King of great Britain Relative to His or their Endeavouring to Bring the united States, or any one of them, under the Dominion of the said King, and that I take this Oath without any mental Reservation or Equivocation whatsoever, And mean Honestly and faithfully to perform the Same. So help me, &c.

Previous to the Declaration of Independence, the Continental Congress, wishing to bind still closer together the several colonies for their better protection, recommended that all persons be disarmed who were notoriously disaf-

fect to the cause of the colonies, or who should refuse to associate in arms against the British armies or fleets. Hon. Meshech Weare, the efficient leader of the Committee of Safety for New Hampshire, immediately sent this recommendation to the several towns and parishes, together with a pledge of loyalty for the citizens of each town or parish, to which to affix their signatures. This pledge was styled the "Association Test."

The citizens of this town were notified to meet at the log meeting-house, to consider the matter. The original papers, containing the names of those who signed, and of those who refused so to do, are preserved in the office of the secretary of state, in Concord, and from them the following is copied:

To the Selectmen of Hannacor Colony of New Hampshire, in Committee of Safety April ye 12th 1776, in order to Carry the underwritten resolve to the Hon'ble Continental Congress into Execution, you are requested to desire all Males above twenty one years of age, (lunatics, idiots Negroes excepted) to sine to the declaration on this paper and when so done to make return hereof together with the Name or Names of all who shall refuse to sign the same, to the General Assembly, or Committee of Safety, of the Colony.
M. Weare Chairman.

In Congress March 14 1776

Resolved that it be recommended to the several Assemblies, Conventions and Councils, or Committees of Safety of the United Colonies immediately to cause all persons to be disarmed within the respective Colonies who are notoriously disaffected to the Cause of America, or who have not associated, or refused to associate, to defend by Arms the united Colonies against the hostile attempts of the british fleets and Armies.

Copy Extract from the Minutes.

Charles Thompson Sec'try.

In Consequence of the above Resolution of the Hon. Continental Congress and to Shew our determination in joining our American brethren in defending the lives, liberties and Properties of the inhabitants of the United Colonies, we the Subscribers do hereby solemnly engage and Promise, that we will to the utmost of our power, at the risque of our lives and fortunes, with arms oppose the hostile proceedings of the british fleets and armies against the United American Colonies.

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| Rev. Jacob Rice, | Thomas Howlett, | Francis Withington, |
| thomas Pope, | James Joslyn, | Jacob Whitcomb, |
| Alexander Whitney, | Joseph Williams, | Benjamin Whitcomb, |
| Jonas Bowman, | Ephraim Morrill, | Reuben Whitcomb, |
| William Powers, | Jesse Ross, | Uriah Amsden, |
| Ebenezer Harthorn, | Thomas Townsend, | James Peters, |
| Amos Goold, | Phinies Ward, | Otis How, |
| Elijah Rice, | William Clark, | Thomas Stone, |
| Charles Whitcomb, | timothy Ross, | Isaac Gates, |
| David Pope, | William Heath, | Jonathan Wood, |
| Eliakim How, | Stephen Spalding, | Daniel Rice, |
| Jonas Alexander, | Ezekiel Smith, | John Putney, |
| Asa Putney, | Alexander Patterson, | Eliphalet Colby, |
| Nath'l Joslyn, | Moses Smith, | Benj ^m Clark, |
| Abel Gibson, | Tim ^o Gibson, Junr, | Timothy Gibson |
| Ezekiel Stone, | Joseph Lewis, | 51 names. |
| Samuel Farizel, | Joshua Heath, | |
| David Campbell, | Samll Wadsworth, | |

NAMES OF THOSE WHO REFUSED TO SIGN.

Those Persons Refuse to Sign the within Decliration are under writen.

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| Joseph Kimball, | Eben ^r Heraman, |
| Joshua Kimball, | Josiah Ward, |
| William Kimball, | Sergent Hethe, |
| Corp. Samuel Kimball, | Ensign Bej Currier, |
| William Chambers, | Nathaniel Merick, |
| Sa ^m Morisson, | Amos Estane, |
| Ezra Tucker, Present Lieut, | Noah Gile, |
| Moses Huse, Capt, | Robert Cambell, |
| James Duston, | Aaron Adams, Cap. |
| Samuel Barstow, | James Stone. |
| Thomas Stone, Jr. | 21 Names. |

Jonas Bowman, } Selectmen
Sa^ml Wadsworth, } of Henniker.

The other selectman for this year was Joseph Kimball, and he did not sign the return.

The preceding test was the Declaration of Independence by the people of New Hampshire. It was a similar act to that of the patriots who signed the national declaration on the 4th of July, 1776. It preceded that event, and seems to have been a sanction, or encouragement, to those who contemplated it. It was a bold and hazardous step, in subjects,

thus to resist the authority of one of the most powerful sovereigns in the world. Had the cause in which these men pledged their lives and fortunes failed, it would have subjected every individual who signed it to the pains and penalties of treason,—“to a cruel and ignominious death.” It is not to be understood that those who declined signing this test, in Henniker, were Tories, or were disaffected to the American cause. Some of them professed the principles of the Friends, and these forbade their taking up arms; others had conscientious scruples; and others, doubtless, were influenced by timidity, fearful of the punishment that would be meted out to them in case of failure on the part of the patriots.

Of the twenty-one who refused to sign, over two thirds of them were afterwards in the American service, and did their duty faithfully; and to the honor of the town it can be said, that, although upon a question of expediency there were various and conflicting opinions, yet, upon the main question of defending their homes and supporting the cause of liberty against any and all foes, the people of this town were a *unit*, and obtained for themselves the reputation of being some of the most patriotic in the state; and most deservedly was it bestowed.

March 5, 1776, the following men enlisted for one year:

David Campbell,

Ezra Tucker.

Mr. Campbell was commissioned as first lieutenant, March 5, 1776, and Mr. Tucker second lieutenant, March 5, 1776. Amos Gould was already a second lieutenant.

A call was made in July, 1776, for reinforcements for the Northern army. The following men enlisted for three months, July 16, 1776.

Josiah Stone,
Benjamin Goodenough,
William Gould,
Stephen Adams,

Elijah Mansfield,
William Gould,
Jacob Adams.

In September, another regiment was called for from New Hampshire, and the following men from this town enlisted for three months, on Sept. 20, 1776 :

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| Samuel Smith, | Nahum Newton, |
| Joshua Whitney, | Joseph Patterson, |
| Isaac Patterson, | Elias Gould, |
| Gideon Gould, | Oliver Noyes, |
| Nathaniel Noyes, | Timothy Noyes, |
| Benjamin Stone, | John Johnson. |
| Jesse Heath, | |

These men were in Capt. Emory's company. Col. Baldwin's regiment joined the Northern army, and were at the battle of White Plains, New York, Oct. 28, 1776. This was a severely contested battle, and it was fought under the leadership of Washington himself, who had made White Plains his head-quarters after his retreat from Long Island. Contending with a superior force, the Americans were obliged to abandon their position. Among the wounded was Joseph Patterson, of this town. A bullet entered one side of his neck and came out near his nose. He lost several articles, and afterwards petitioned the government for pay for their loss. The following is his communication :

Joseph Patterson, To the Hon'ble the General Assembly of the State of New Hampshire,

The Petitioner Joseph Patterson, of Hennekir Sheweth, That your Petitioner was a Soldier in Capt Emery's Company & Col. Baldwins Regiment, Belonging to this State, and being in the Battle at White Plains on the 28th Day of October, last, was wounded by a Musket Ball, which went through the side of his head. Your Petitioner likewise lost several articles in said battle to the amount of five pounds & fourteen shillings Lawful Money at a very moderate Charge.

The Articles above enumerated with the value thereof in an Inventory of the same under the Captains hand as also Certified by one Ezra Badger who was with your Petitioner when wounded & lost the said Articles. Your Petitioner therefore prays that your Hon^{rs} take the premises under your Impartial

Consideration & grant him the aforesaid sum of five pounds, fourteen shillings, & your petitioner, as in Duty bound shall ever pray.

Joseph Patterson.

The following is the answer :

Exeter March 18th 1777

The Committee from both Houses appointed to Consider of the petitions of wounded soldiers &c beg leave to report their Opinion. That Joseph Patterson, a soldier in Capt Emerys Company, in Col. Baldwin's Regi'm't, who was wounded at White Plains, & lost sundry articles to the amount of five Pounds, fourteen shillings, be allowed & paid the said sum of £5—14s—0^p, Which is submitted

Nich Gilman for the Committee.

These may Certify, that Joseph Patterson a soldier under my command, in the reinforcement of the Army in the State of New York, when in battle, with the enemy, being then wounded by a Musket ball in the head, lost his Gun, Cartridge Box & Surtout Coat, blanket & hat, according to the best of my knowledge was worth five pounds & fourteen shillings.

Benj^m Emery, Capt.

North Castle 30th, November 1776.

N. B. The above named Patterson was in a party whereof I was a part, & being in battle with the enemy, suffered as above.

Ezra Badger

The old patriot received full compensation for his loss, and lived many years to enjoy the liberty for which he so nobly fought.

Up to the latter part of 1776, the enlistments had been mostly for short terms. The first enlistments were for six weeks; and the soldiers were called "six weeks soldiers." Then the term was extended to three months; but the government, seeing the wisdom of longer over shorter terms of enlistment, authorized the states to enlist men for one year or for the war. The beneficial effects of this law soon began to be made manifest.

The year 1777 opened with fair prospects for the cause of the colonies. Washington had become master of the situation about him, and was prepared to act on the offensive.

He ushered in the new year by outflanking Cornwallis at Princeton, and after a hard fight at Trenton he went into winter quarters at Morristown. Several of the soldiers from this town were with him at Trenton, and also in his winter quarters. Summer came before either army commenced an active campaign.

All through the warm days of June rumors often reached the ears of the settlers of this town that Burgoyne was about to invest Fort Ticonderoga, all of which for the time being proved to be false alarms. On the 2d of July, 1777, Burgoyne sat down before the fort with ten thousand men, while St. Clair's force, to defend the fort, was less than three thousand. Runners were immediately sent in all directions for help. One came into this town on the morning of July 5, notified the selectmen of the alarm, and then pushed on to the towns below. The selectmen immediately caused the alarm of danger to be given; and before three o'clock in the afternoon ten men were away, under command of Ensign ²Elijah Rice. His comrades were,—

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| Benjamin Whitcomb, | Levi Bowman, |
| ² Joshua Whitney, | John Campbell, |
| John Putney, | Asa Putney, |
| Thomas Putney, | ² Ezekiel Stone, |
| Abiathar Bowman, | Zachariah Bowman. |

These men were assigned to Col. Gerrish's regiment, and marched fifty-eight miles, when they were met with the news that the fort had fallen. They were ordered home, having been in the service eight days in all.

Burgoyne, flushed with his success, determined to subjugate New England. It was a gloomy hour for the American cause. The Americans had lost within one short week over two hundred pieces of artillery, and a large amount of provisions and military stores, besides hundreds upon hundreds of brave men either killed, wounded, or captured. Every possible hindrance to Burgoyne's progress was thrown in

his way. The roads were obstructed by felled trees, and bridges destroyed in large numbers.

In the meantime, the old patriots were rapidly enlisting. Gen. John Stark, then a colonel, called out the militia of the state. The following men enlisted from this town, July 5, 1777, for three months, and were under command of Capt. Jonas Bowman, who was now commissioned as captain, for his valuable services. The men were assigned to Capt. Bagley's company, in which Capt. Bowman performed duty as a lieutenant during the battle of Bennington.

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| Capt. Jonas Bowman, | Jabez Alexander, |
| Sergt. Peter How, | ² Samuel Eastman, |
| Sergt. Joshua Gile, | ² Abraham Kimball, |
| Jonathan Eastman, corporal, | Levi Colby, |
| Thomas Pope, | Lemuel Ross, |
| Moses Smith, | ² Isaac Patterson, |
| Sargent Heath, | Moses Powell, |
| William Heath, | James Duston, |
| Zacariah Bowman, | Levi Harriman, |
| Ezekiel Stone, | John Putney, |
| David Colby, | ² Joshua Whitney. |
| Zadok Bowman, | |

Burgoyne's intention was to replenish his army from the military stores that had been collected at Bennington, Vt. When within thirty-five miles of that town, he sent forward a large force to make the seizure, following slowly with the remainder of his army. When these troops reached Bennington, they found Gen. Stark and his brave boys there to dispute their right to these stores. Col. Baum, commanding the enemy, halted, sent word to his commander of his situation, and, throwing up strong log breastworks, bade defiance to the little American army. Gen. Stark was quick to see his situation ; that what was to be done, must be done promptly. During the forenoon of August 16, 1777, he formed his line of battle in front of the enemy's entrench-

ments. After a furious cannonade of a couple of hours, the order for an assault upon the works was given. "Forward!" rang out the shrill notes of Stark; and over and into the works went his men, completely routing the enemy, capturing several hundred prisoners, and securing a large amount of the munitions of war. Among the first men to mount the works were Moses Smith and Sargent Heath. As Mr. Smith leaped over the works, he was met by a burly Hessian, with whom he grappled, felled him to the ground, and, plunging his bayonet through his body, fairly pinned it to the earth. Mr. Smith unfixing his bayonet, and went through the remainder of the battle without one. After the battle, Mr. Smith related his adventure to some of his comrades, who doubted his veracity. He asked them to go over the battle-field with him, and he would make his words good. They did so, and there lay the dead Hessian, the bayonet still in its position. Smith recovered his bayonet, brought it home with him, and for many years it was used at trainings and musters of the militia.

Abraham Kimball was severely wounded, and was soon after placed upon half-pay for two years.

This battle was a heavy blow to the enemy, but it raised the drooping spirits of the Americans wonderfully. This victory was really to them a day-star of hope. The praise of the New Hampshire militia rang through the land; and Stark was made a brigadier in the Continental army.

The following men from this town enlisted Dec. 17, 1777, for three years:

Jesse Campbell,
Joseph Marsh,

James Peters, Jr.,
Daniel Squire.

These men joined the army under Washington, and were in the battle of Monmouth, N. J. This battle was fought Sunday, June 28, 1778. The historian says,—“The morning was one of the finest ever known, and the day one of the warmest.” The army was in motion before daybreak, and

early in the morning the conflict began. The battle lasted all day, both armies resting on their arms at night, intending to renew the attack in the early morning. When the morning came, Gen. Clinton was far away towards Sandy Hook.

That Sabbath day was one of the most sultry that had been experienced in this town during the season. While the people were assembled in the log meeting-house, listening to the words of inspiration as they fell from Mr. Rice's lips, four of the stalwart heroes of the town were far away, fighting at that very time with the foe which was dreaded by all, and who, amid the fearful carnage of the day, were thinking with silent and loving hearts of the dear ones upon the banks of the Contocook, who were ever thinking of them.

So many of the men of the town were now in the army, that when a requisition was made for more, it became a serious question how they should be raised. At the annual meeting, held "March ye 3^d 1777," it was

Voted to pay the men that went to Cambridge on the Alarrum in April 1775, the same wages and Rations that other Soldiers have.

And at a meeting held April 1, 1777, it was

Voted to assess the Town To Raise money to hire Nine Able Bodied men for the Continental service.

A committee of nine were chosen to secure the men; and then it was

Voted to give fifty Dollars and No more to each man that shall enlist for three years.

The meeting then adjourned for one week, when, having met again, it was

Voted to Trye further to engage the men for three years.

Voted, that all above sixteen years old shall Bee subjected to Pay Rates to Raise the Money to Hire the 3 year Men for the Continental Service.

These votes have been given, but we repeat them for comment.

Those were most truly serious times: the larger part of the able-bodied men already in the service, the spring just opening when the seed was to be sown and planted, and a call for more men! How terribly in earnest those patriots were! Even the boys over sixteen years of age were not only called upon to do military duty, but also to pay taxes. And most cheerfully was every burden borne by all, both old and young; and all were animated by the same common spirit for the defence of the country and their homes.

In August, 1778, the enemy appeared off the coast of Rhode Island with a large fleet, when another call was made for troops.

Aug. 6, 1778, the following men enlisted from this town for three months, and joined the army in Rhode Island:

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| ² Jonas Bowman, Capt., | Samuel Preston, Serg't, |
| William Pope, Ensign, | James Joslin, |
| ³ Joshua Whitney, Sergeant, | ² Sargent Heath, |
| Tilly How, Corporal, | Reuben Whitcomb, |
| Robert Campbell, | ² Levi Harriman, |
| Ezekiel Stone, | ² Lt. Jonathan How, |
| Elisha Barns, | Joseph Spaulding, |
| John Clough, | ² Abiathar Bowman. |
| Daniel Gibson, | |

The enemy disappearing from the coast, these men were discharged Aug. 27 following, and were allowed two days each to reach their homes, having served twenty-four days in all. They travelled with their horses, and, upon settlement, each received ten pounds for the use of his horse.

Capt. Bowman settled the pay-roll for the company at Exeter,—

And was allowed £8-14s. for going to Exeter to return his muster roll. The whole am't of the expense of this company was £493-14s.

This is a true roll.
Attest. Jonas Bowman, Capt.

The following men enlisted for one year, April 5, 1778, and were in the Northern army :

²James Stone, Nathaniel Tucker.

They were in the Second Regiment. Mr. Tucker died in the service March 15, 1779, from disease.

July 9, 1778, Simeon Pope and John Powell enlisted for six months, and joined the Northern army.

The year 1779 opened with gloomy forebodings to the American cause. The little American army were almost disheartened at the prospect before them. The finances of the country were in a wretched condition. The "paste-board money," as the enemy called the money of the Americans, was almost worthless. Over one hundred millions of Continental money was scattered throughout the country. New emissions of money were made, but without any provisions for redemption. Still the animating zeal of all was to be free of the mother country.

March 26th of this year, a small force of Americans at Horseneck, Conn., under Gen. Putnam, was attacked by a superior British force. Several men from this town were in the fight. Among them was Joseph Marsh, who saw Gen. Putnam take his famous ride, not down *stone steps*, as is now known to be an absurdity, but down a very steep hill in a zigzag course. Mr. Marsh says "this was the true state of the affair," and that *he* measured *thirty-two* feet as the leap the General's horse made at one time on his way down the hill.

The following men enlisted for one year on July 21, 1779, and joined the Northern army :

³John Clough, ²Oliver Clough, David Kezer.

The following item appears from the records :

State of New Hampshire, to the Selectmen of Henniker. Paid 3 Soldiers inlisted in the New Hampshire Regiments, Continental Army for one year £60 each, 180 Pounds, & Rec'd to Capn Bowman. Errors excepted in behalf of the Selectmen of Henniker.

William Taggart.

In Committee on Claims Exeter, April 1st 1780.

The above Soldiers were mustered by Col. Thomas Stickney ;
the receipts are lodg'd in this Office. Josiah Gilman, jr.

Rec'd an order on the Treasury for one hundred & Eighty
Pounds in behalf of the Selectmen of Henniker.

Wm. Taggart.

July 12, 1779, Samuel Spaulding enlisted for six months,
and marched to the defence of Rhode Island. He was soon
discharged, and was paid by the selectmen a bounty of 30
Pounds, and was paid 12 Pounds for travel.

July 5, 1779, the following men enlisted for six months
and joined the army in Rhode Island :

²Simeon Pope,

²John Powell.

In the early spring of 1780, more men were called for, and
the town enlisted and sent into the service during the year
the following men :

July 9. James Hemphill and Daniel Campbell enlisted for
three months, and joined the army at Providence, Rhode
Island.

July 14, 1780, Thomas Lewis, Elijah Kemp, Jacob Adams,
and ²Samuel Spaulding enlisted for six months, and joined
the army in Rhode Island. They served their full term, and
were discharged, being allowed twelve days to reach home,
as they were then with the army in New York.

This town now had soldiers in different parts of the coun-
try, north, south, and west. Several were under Capt. Jonas
Bowman, who was then in command of a company stationed
at West Point, New York, and were in that portion of the
army under the immediate command of Gen. Benedict
Arnold, and were present at the flight of Arnold and the
execution of Maj. André.

Another year now drew to a close, and the patriots were
not conquered. Large treasures in money and much blood
had been expended and shed upon both sides, yet the deter-
mination, upon the part of one to *subdue*, and of the other

not to be *subdued*, was as strongly marked as ever before. The year 1781 opened gloomy, notwithstanding, for the American cause. Continental money had become almost worthless, *forty* dollars in paper being worth only *one* in silver; and the pay of the officers and the men was greatly in arrears. Congress had made frequent promises, and as often broken them. Large numbers of the soldiers of Pennsylvania had an interview with Washington, who referred their complaints to congress, then in session at Philadelphia. The conference resulted in making more determined those old patriots, who were enduring everything but death itself for their country. Sir Henry Clinton, thinking to take advantage of the situation, made proposals to them, through his secret agents, offering them every inducement to follow his flag. He was met with the heroic reply, "Let us show him that the American army can furnish *but one Arnold*, and that America has no truer friends than we."

In January, 1781, the town was called upon for more men, and measures were immediately taken to procure them. It was some time, however, before the quota was filled.

July 13th, William Brown enlisted for the war. Henry Eastman and Daniel Morrill enlisted the same day for three years. These men joined the army under Washington, who was then following up Cornwallis, watching for a chance to give the final blow for freedom. The same day John Palmer and William Wallace enlisted for nine months.

The Town of Henniker claims the following Soldiers as part of its Quota in the New Hampshire Reg't viz: Henry Eastman, David Morrill, W^m Brown, Recruits July 13th 1781.

1782, April 20. Errors excepted in behalf of the Selectmen of Henniker. Jonas Bowman.

September 24, 1780, Sargent Blaisdell, ²Simeon Pope, Ebenezer Whitchee, Nehemiah Howe, Samuel Mills, Ebenezer Whitaker, Jonathan Monroe, and William Davis enlisted for three months. The same day the town

Voted to accept them, and to give them ten dollars per month each for the Term they are in Service.

The rum purchased for the soldiers was in accordance with the law requiring each town to furnish "as much Beef and Rum, as the proportion of the Men they had in the service."

Many votes were passed by the town during the war, especially near its close, in regard to those who had moved into town during the war. These votes all had one end in view, viz., "to make them *even* with those who were here when the War broke out, and have them do their Share in regard to the raising of Men." This was finally agreed upon; and they also had to assume their share of the town debt incurred during the war.

Thus was the town active in raising men, up to the very time, almost, when Cornwallis, on the 19th of October, 1781, surrendered at Yorktown to Gen. Washington, when the war was practically at an end. Great was the joy over this event. The historian says,—


From every family altar where a love of freedom dwelt; from pulpits, legislative halls, the army, and from congress,—there went up a shout of thanksgiving and praise to the Lord God Omnipotent, for the success of the allied troops; and these were mingled with universal eulogies of the great leader and his companions in arms.

Negotiations were now entered into for a basis of peace. Meantime, the armies were kept filled with recruits. It was not until November 25, 1783, that the British evacuated the city of New York; and with them went forever their last vestige of power in the United States.

July 15, 1782, ²Solomon Spaulding enlisted for the war. The following is his receipt:

Henniker, August ye 1 1782

This Day Received of the Select Men of Said Town, Sixty Pound Lawful Money as a hire for To Do three years Servis In the Continental Army.

his
Steven  Spaulding.
mark.

Benjamin Cressy, of this town, enlisted, July 27, 1779, for one year, for the town of Hopkinton.

Samuel Walden and Adam Nichols, both of this town, enlisted, July 20, 1779, for one year, for the town of Deering.

William Brown, who appears as a soldier for this town, was a resident of Bradford.

David Morrill and Samuel Mills were residents of Walpole, but enlisted for this town.

Jonathan Monroe was a resident of Dublin, this state.

Ezekiel Stone was claimed as a soldier by the town of Newton, this state, and he was reckoned there.

Cornelius Bean was in the Northern army, being mustered July 18, 1776, for three months, and was in Capt. James Shepherd's company.

Annas Campbell was in the same army, and was mustered July 18, 1776.

Among the names of the soldiers from this town appears that of George Bemain. He participated in the battle of Bunker Hill, and was paid £2-17s.-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ p. for his services. He afterwards enlisted, and was at the battle of the White Plains, where he was supposed to have been killed. No family of that name ever resided in this town, as is known, and this man was undoubtedly the one referred to by Rev. Dr. Whiton, in his historical sketch of Antrim. In speaking of Dea. Aiken, of that town, he says,—

A stranger knocked at the Deacon's door one evening, and offered to work in his service for his board. He gave his name as George Bemain; was a foreigner, born on the seas, of middle age, a deserter from the British at Boston; had followed marked trees, and swam the streams in search of a place of concealment.

Next morning he took up a Bible, remarking that he had scarce seen a good book for forty years, and would try himself at reading. He proved to be a good reader, resided in the family some years, and made himself useful by laboring on the farm and teaching the children to read. He taught the first school in Hillsborough, and is said to have been, in his youth,

a school-mate of the well known Dilworth, author of the spelling-book used in New England and America a century ago. Enlisting into the army, he finally lost his life in the American cause at the battle of White Plains.

He went to Dea. Aiken's in March, 1770, then came to Hillsborough, and then to this town, and was one of the first to enlist at the outbreak of the war.

The congress of this state passed a law, Dec. 18, 1779, authorizing the treasurer of the state to discount with the selectmen of towns for the settlement of bounties paid by the town; and this town, March 31, 1780, drew £180, agreeably to the law.

The whole amount received by the town for bounties, during the years 1777, '78, and '79, was £209-12s.-6p.

Judge Robert Wallace was very active in settling the claims of the different soldiers and others of this town.

It took a long while to equalize the services of the people of the town; and at a meeting held May 20, 1784, the town

Voted, That all that Do not Bring in their Time on or Before the third Tuesday in June Shall Be considered as Don Nothing in the War.

Voted, that Those that are in the rear shall have Liberty To Buy of those that have Don more than their proportion.

This was the end of the matter, and the whole business was amicably adjusted.

David Campbell was commissioned first lieutenant, March 5, 1776.

Ezra Tucker was commissioned second lieutenant the same day.

The following men enlisted from this town, but at what time, and under whose command, cannot be ascertained:

Joshua Gile,

Simeon Simons.

Ephraim Goss was asked, on his return from the war, "if he killed any one." He replied that he was "good for a humming-bird at ten rods, and he took as good sight as he would for a bird, and he thought the man stood a poor chance for his life."

The following is the account of Joseph Marsh :

| | | |
|---|--------|----------|
| Joseph Marsh, 6 th Co. | | Dr. |
| | | £-s.-p. |
| for Bounty paid by Hennekar, | | 22-8-6 |
| Paid by the Continent 1777, | 8-16-0 | |
| ditto 1778 | 4-4-8 | |
| ditto 1779 | 1-6-5 | |
| Ball, Clothing by Leigh, | 4-5-10 | £ s p |
| Rum, Sugar, &c. | 1-0-1 | =19-13-0 |
| 1780 | | |
| June 17, to a Certificate for the Ballance, | | 27-6-6 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | £69-8-0 |
| Paid by Blake | 0-3-7 | |
| 1782 | | |
| Oct. 23, Gave a Certificate to Thomas English | 6-9-9 | 6-13-4 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | £76-1-4 |
| Contra. | | |
| June 5, 1778 promoted to a Corp'l, | | |
| By 8 Months & 21 Days in 1777, | 17-12 | |
| By 12 do in 1778, | 25-8 | |
| discharged | | |
| April 10, 1780, By 12 Months in 1779, | 26-8 | |
| | | £ s p. |
| By 3 Mo ^s & 10 Days in 1780, | 6-13-4 | =76-1-4 |
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| | | 0-0-0 |

July 21, 1779, the following men enlisted for the army in Rhode Island :

³John Clough, ²Oliver Clough, Ezekiel Stone.

They enlisted for three years.

RECAPITULATION.

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| Whole number of enlistments..... | 132 |
| “ 2d and 3d enlistments..... | 17 |
| “ enlisted for other towns belonging here..... | 3 |
| “ enlisted for this town from other towns..... | 4 |
| Number of different ones enlisting once from this town..... | 108 |

All through the seven long years of the war, almost continual calls were made upon the town for men and for rations. The little bands of patriots who were thus hastily collected together usually assembled in the log meeting-house, until it was burned, and listened to an appropriate address or prayer, as the time admitted, by Rev. Mr. Rice, who was one of the foremost citizens of the town in helping on the cause of liberty. At one time there was hardly an able-bodied man in town that was not in the service. Few, if any, towns can show a better record in proportion to their population than can this.

But during these years, when the men were so busy, the women were not idle. They supplied the tow for wadding, prepared bandages for the wounded, made cartridges for the soldiers, held the plow in the field, sowed and planted the grain, with the assistance of the older men and the little boys, secured the hay and grain in the harvests, kept their spinning-wheels and looms busy through the livelong night, the pine torch being their light, and in innumerable ways cheered the hearts and strengthened the hands of their husbands, their fathers, their sons, their brothers, and their lovers, who were away in the camp and upon the field of battle, watching, fighting for, and defending their country and their homes; and most nobly did they second the efforts of the men, who, in addition to the expenses of the war, were obliged to provide for the laying out and building of roads, building of bridges, for schooling, and for those families who were in want and had lost friends in the war. Most surely were these the times that tried men's and women's souls.

Everything in the township partook of the terrible, blighting influences arising from the war. At times it seemed almost impossible to endure the burdens imposed upon the settlers. The forests, which had begun to disappear at the commencement of the war, showed an unbending front, and bade defiance to any further advance in their destruction. On

many farms, the plow lay idle in the furrow : the seed could not be sown, the harvests could not be gathered. Even the songs of the birds in the tree-tops, if not tainted by the spirit of the war, were rendered melancholy by its scourges. Still their brave hearts struggled on, and most nobly they endured the burdens, ever looking forward with anxious hopes to the bright star of liberty which was to bring to them reunited homes, and activity and prosperity to the town, and when they could sit upon the thresholds of their own homes, with "none to molest or make afraid." And at last it came, bright and joyous, and songs of thanksgiving and of praise were theirs.

CHAPTER XIII.

MILITARY HISTORY—*Continued.*

WAR OF 1812—MILITIA OF THE TOWN—FIRST RIFLE COMPANY IN THE STATE—MEXICAN WAR.

AFTER the treaty of peace, in 1783, there were loud complaints, by both the United States and Great Britain, that each had violated the compact, and that the stipulations of the treaty had not been complied with. Great Britain, stung at the loss of her colonies, commenced a series of aggressions, which were at once both insulting and degrading to the Americans.

Disdaining any redress, our government, as early as 1811, commenced active preparations for war. In November of that year, President Madison called an extra session of congress, to consider the situation, and to devise ways and means to meet it. After mature deliberation, an act was passed, June 18, 1812, declaring war against Great Britain.

Hon. William Plumer was then governor of this state, having entered upon the duties of the office the fifth day of the same month. Previous to this, Gov. John Langdon, in obedience to a call from the government at Washington for men, issued an order, May 29, 1812, detaching thirty-five hundred of the militia of this state, and organizing them into companies and regiments. The demand was met with great promptness and zeal, the men being drafted from their respective companies by their commanders. A call was made

upon this town for men, and, at a meeting held June 30, 1812, "to take action in regard to the war declared against Great Britain," the town

Voted almost unanimously, That the Town of Henniker, including the monthly pay drawn from Government, make up ten Dollars per month to the men who may Volunteer their services in defence of their Countrys rights, and who shall be returned from their respective Corps of Militia in said town, to serve as part of the quota of one hundred thousand Militia conformably to a late law of Congress and the Proclamation, or requisition of the President of the United States, consequent thereon, and that said additional pay be considered & made up from the day of their Marching, to the day they may be discharged, and that the Town pay every such Militia man so returned, who shall sign his name, to be considered as part of the quota aforesaid, one Dollar bounty, to be paid down, which Dollar shall not be deducted from his wages, and every man who shall be so called to March, shall receive from the Town, five Dollars in advance, to be deducted from his Wages, and those men who may produce evidence to the Selectmen that they are returned from the companies of Cavalry, Artillery and Grenadiers, part of which Companies belong to this town, and shall be considered by their respective commanding officers as making part of the quota as aforesaid, shall also receive the same additional pay monthly & bounty from the town, as those men so taken & serving from the Militia Companies in Henniker.

The bounty was afterwards raised to two dollars. This town was then attached to the Twenty-sixth Regiment, which contained within itself two large companies of infantry.

The first volunteer from this town for the War of 1812 was John Adams, who was stationed at Portsmouth, and who died there. This must have been some time in June, 1812, for upon the 30th of the same month the following men enlisted, and received two dollars bounty from the town the same day :

Capt. Israel Adams,
 Enoch Greenleaf,
 Ira Whitcomb,
 Daniel Stone,

Daniel Smith,
 Samuel Clark,
 John Tucker, Jr.,
 Horace Whitney,

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| David Perry, | Jonathan Eastman, Jr., |
| Joel Wood, | David Leslie, |
| Jonathan Colby, | James Putney, |
| Jonathan Gates, | John Stuart, |
| William Greenleaf, | Calvin Goss, |
| Pliny Whitcomb, | Eli Wood, |
| Benjamin Whitcomb, | Elijah Stone. |

Mr. Gates was a substitute for John Purington. These men assembled at the house of Capt. Israel Adams, who was at that time captain of the "east company" of infantry of this town, and thence marched to the defence of Portsmouth. Neither the company nor the regiment to which these men were assigned is known, nor for how long they enlisted, but it was probably for three months.

Solomon Johnson enlisted March 11, 1813, for one year, as a substitute for Eliphalet Day, who had been drafted, but could not go.

Levi Judd enlisted March 21, 1813, as a substitute for Ephraim Morrill.

Joshua Kimball enlisted March 31, 1813.

These men enlisted for one year. They were in Capt. Joseph Flanders's company, and Col. Aquila Davis's regiment.

The following men enlisted April 1, 1813, for two months. They were in Capt. Benjamin Bradford's company, and went to Portsmouth:

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| Ensign David Campbell, | Corp. Robert Marsh, |
| George Ball, | Daniel Campbell, |
| Joseph Coburn, | Aaron Colby, |
| Silas Dufur, | Abel Dufur, |
| William Presbury, | Ira Whitcomb (2d enlistm't), |
| Nelson Patterson, | John Stuart (2d enlistment), |
| George Leslie, | Daniel Leslie (2d enlistment), |
| Daniel Monroe, | James Taggart. |

The following men enlisted as recruits for Capt. Bradford's company :

Robert Marsh, sergeant (second enlistment), one year, Dec. 15, 1813.

George Ball (second enlistment), one year, Dec. 17, 1813.

Abel Dufur (second enlistment), during the war, Dec. 15, 1813.

David Leslie (third enlistment), one year, Dec. 15, 1813.

Francis Bowman, during war, April 1, 1814.

Bradbury Chase, during war, Feb. 26, 1814.

Isaac Colby, during war, April 20, 1814.

James Dunlap, during war, March 4, 1814.

William Greenleaf, during war, April 11, 1814.

George Leslie, one year, Feb. 28, 1814.

John Morrill, one year, Dec. 15, 1813.

David Woods, during war, March 9, 1814.

Ira Whitcomb (second enlistment), during war, March 9, 1814.

John Stuart (third enlistment), during war, Feb. 23, 1814.

Nelson Patterson (second enlistment), one year, Dec. 17, 1813.

William Presbury (second enlistment), one year, Dec. 15, 1813.

Sergeant Heath enlisted in Capt. Phinehas Webster's company, May 25, 1814, during the war, but was discharged July 16, 1814.

During the summer of 1814 the enemy began to make hostile demonstrations upon Portsmouth. Several alarms had been given, and finally Gov. Gilman, on the 9th of September, issued his proclamation for the entire militia of the state, including infantry, artillery, and cavalry, "to hold themselves in readiness to march at a moment's warning, completely armed and equipped according to law, as well provided with blankets and ammunition as possible."

So alarming did he consider the situation, that he invited

all who were exempted by law from doing military duty to form themselves into companies, and be ready to march if their services should be needed. These orders were sent throughout the state by express riders, and were obeyed with the greatest alacrity. So enthusiastic were the people, that whole companies turned out for the purpose of being drafted, and it was more difficult to secure those who would remain at home than those who would go to the front.

This town was thoroughly aroused, and the following men enlisted for three months, and were assigned to Capt. Hugh Moore's company, after arriving at Portsmouth:

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| Joseph Marsh, Serg't, | John Adams (2d enlistment), |
| Annas Goss, Corporal, | Alexander Caldwell, |
| Daniel Campbell, | Charles Greenleaf, |
| Annas Campbell, | John T. Gilman, |
| Levi Patterson, discharged | Edward Smith, |
| Nov. 5, 1814, | Sweet Worthley. |
| Israel Adams (2d enlistment), | |

David Tucker, Ezra Tucker, and Joel Heath enlisted for sixty days, Sept. 27, 1814, and were assigned to Capt. James T. Truell's company.

Jonathan Wood enlisted for three months, and was assigned to Capt. Warren's company at Portsmouth.

Matthias Heath, Edward Kimball, and Joseph P. Welch enlisted for sixty days, Sept. 27, 1814, and were assigned to Capt. William Gregg's company, on their arrival at Portsmouth.

Nathan Carter was in this company. He enlisted from Hillsborough, where he was then residing. He soon removed to this town, and has been a resident since.

The following men enlisted for sixty days, Sept. 26, 1814, and were assigned to Capt. Josiah Bellows's company, at Portsmouth:

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| Joel Howe, Lieut., | Ebenezer Perry, |
| James Boyd, Serg't, | Levi Barnes, |
| Perley Howe, Drummer, | Benjamin Cook, |
| William Livingston, Jr., | Samuel Clark (2d enlistment), |
| Joseph Stuart, | Adam Stuart, |
| Joel Wood, | Titus V. Wadsworth, |
| John Perry, died during the service, | Nathaniel Nutter, |
| Amos Duston, | Enoch Pressey, |
| | David Smith. |

Most of the duty performed by the soldiers who enlisted in 1814 was in and about Portsmouth. Some were in the Northern army, and were at Plattsburg when McDonough became master of the lakes, in his celebrated encounter with Com. Downie. Several of these brave men were with the gallant Col. McNeil, at Lundy's Lane, July 25, 1814, and saw Col. Miller storm the works of the enemy, capturing them, and completely routing them. His laconic and noble reply, "I'll try, sir," when asked if he could take them, were the talismanic words under which his brave boys fought.

Jacob Rice, Jr., son of Rev. Jacob Rice, also enlisted from this town, but when, or to what company he was assigned, is unknown.

RECAPITULATION.

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| Whole number of enlistments..... | 100 |
| " enlisted 2d and 3d times..... | 14 |
| " single enlistments..... | 86 |
| | — |
| | 100 |

We have endeavored to make this roll as complete as possible, but, owing to the loss of records in the adjutant-general's office at Concord, we are unable to give a complete list. We have compiled it from the records at Concord, from information which we have received from some of these soldiers yet living, and from other old people. If any names have been omitted, and we have no doubt some have been,

it is owing rather to want of the proper information than otherwise. Large numbers of names appear upon the records, but with them no place of residence.

John Sprague and Solomon Johnson, Jr., were in the regular army when the War of 1812 broke out. They were both in the battle of Tippecanoe, Nov. 7, 1811. Mr. Johnson's name appears amongst those who enlisted from this town during the war.

A treaty of peace had been concluded at Ghent, in December, 1814, and was promulgated in this country about the middle of February following. The news reached this town on the 14th of February, 1815, and, in common with the people of the whole country, was hailed with joyous demonstrations. [See Celebrations.]

The legislature of the state, in the June following, publicly thanked the gallant soldiers and seamen who had been so prompt to obey the call of their country.

MEXICAN WAR.

The difficulties so long existing between the United States and Mexico culminated in the spring of 1846. A small party of Gen. Taylor's forces, camping upon the east bank of the Rio Grande, were attacked by a superior force of Mexicans, and were either killed or captured. Several more battles took place during the year. April 17, 1847, Gen. Scott, who was then in command of the army, met the enemy at Cerro Gordo, winning the battle, and sending Santa Anna flying towards the city of Mexico. Gen. Scott halted his troops at Puebla, and awaited reinforcements, which soon came, two thousand five hundred strong, under command of Gen. Franklin Pierce of this state.

The Ninth Regiment of U. S. Infantry had been recruited in New England under Col. Pierce, who having been promoted to a brigadier-general, Gen. Truman B. Ransom, of Vermont, became its colonel. From the tall men in this regiment was made up a company of grenadiers, under command of Capt. Charles N. Bodfish, of Maine. From the

shortest men in the regiment a company of riflemen was made up, under command of Capt. Theodore F. Rowe, of New Hampshire.

Levi K. Ball was a grenadier, and did good service. There is no date of his enlistment. He was a worthy citizen, and is still living in Hebron, this state.

The following men from this town enlisted for the war, and belonged to Capt. Daniel Batchelder's company (H).

Thomas F. Davis, corporal, enlisted April 12, 1847.

Nahum G. Swett enlisted April 6, 1847.

These men were in the charge at Contreras, and also at Cherubusco. On the 12th, the bombardment of Chepultaptec commenced. During the afternoon the zeal and patriotism of the Ninth Regiment were aroused by the riding of Gen. Pillow into their midst, who, while pointing to the heights of Chepultaptec, exclaimed,—“To-morrow, if you say it, the star-spangled banner floats up yonder. If New England would place her name on the bright page of history, now is her time. You of the Ninth, if you will, shall lead in the charge. None need volunteer *who will not swear to enter that castle yonder, or die!*” The fearful charge was made the next day, in which Davis and Swett participated. Davis escaped unharmed: Swett was killed, and his body lies buried under the walls of Chepultaptec—a noble, brave boy. Davis entered the city of Mexico with the little triumphant American army. He returned home shortly after, and remained a while. During the summer of 1849 he went overland to California, where he has made his home most of the time since, and where he is at present residing, highly respected by all who know him.

MILITIA.

The receipt which John Adams gave for a free commonwealth contained four ingredients,—ministers, town-meetings, town schools, and training days. The three former were considered by our ancestors to be of paramount impor-

tance, as they almost invariably accompanied all settlements. The Revolutionary War gave birth to the fourth. The patriotism of the colonies had been carried to a high state during the war, and they became convinced that only through their valor could their liberties be secure. Several amendments to the militia act had been made during the war; but at the close, June 24, 1786, the act was repealed, and a new one passed, differing, however, but little from the old one. The training band consisted of all persons from sixteen to forty years of age; and the alarm list, of all between forty and sixty. Nothing was done under this act; and when the new state constitution was adopted, September 5, 1792, it contained important provisions for regulating the militia. The legislature at its next session passed an act, December 27th of the same year, for arranging the militia into companies, regiments, brigades, and divisions, and were to drill two days in a year. Under this act, Henniker, Hillsborough, Antrim, Deering, and Campbell's Gore (now Windsor) formed a battalion, and, with the towns of Hancock, Lyndeborough, Francestown, Greenfield, and Society Land (now Bennington), formed the twenty-sixth regiment. December 28th, of the same year, this law was modified in some respects, and provided for enrolling "all able bodied *white* male citizens from eighteen to forty years of age." June 19, 1795, the age was again changed to all from sixteen to forty.

The first officers of the Twenty-sixth Regiment were,— Benjamin Pierce, Hillsborough, lieutenant-colonel; David Campbell, Henniker, major first battalion; Daniel Gould, Lyndeborough, major second battalion.

The militia of this town met as one company for several years, some of the time in the field north-easterly from the present residence of John K. Connor, which was laid out as a "training-field" before the Revolution. At other times, they met in the field south of the residence of Judge Robert Wallace, who lived where James P. Dowling now resides.

Among those who commanded the militia in those days were Jonas Bowman, Amos Gould, Timothy and Joseph Gibson, Aaron and Israel Adams, Josiah Ward, Jesse Campbell, Ebenezer Harriman, Thaddeus Gibson, Aaron H. Wadsworth, Francis Bowman, James Connor, and Eliakim Howe, Jr.

At a meeting of the town, held January 9, 1786, it was

Voted to Have Two Companies Militia in this town. Voted to Divide the Town North and South.

The selectmen divided the town, and the companies were called the east and west companies. In addition to the two places already mentioned at which these companies met, were the field in front of Judge Darling's house (now owned by J. H. Albin), on the plain around the meeting-house, on the square in the village, and afterwards on the commons in front of the meeting-house on the north side of the river. The town had already provided the soldiers with tin cups, to be used on muster day. At a meeting held May 25, 1809, the town voted "that the Selectmen provide suitable meats and drinks for the soldiers belonging to this town on next muster day, as the law directs." The contract to supply them was usually let to the lowest bidder, the refreshments consisting of cold meats, bread, coffee, and cider.

A good deal of dispute having arisen in regard to the line between the militia companies of this town, the following decision set the matter at rest :

To whom it may concern, this may certify, that the line hereafter to be observed as a line betwixt the two Companies of Militia in the town of Henniker, in the 26th Regiment of Militia, in said State (New Hampshire) is as follows: viz: That nine ranges of lots, Counting from the east line of said town, and the tenth, or Centre Range from the south line of said Town, so far North as to include the Centre lot, of s^d Town, shall constitute the tenth Company in said twenty sixth Regiment, and the remaining part of said Town shall constitute the second Company in said twenty sixth Regiment, and the officers and soldiers belonging to said Companys are hereby Commanded to observe this as the line between said Companys.

Henniker, Nov 2^d 1818.

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| Hugh Moers | } | Col. 26 th Regiment. |
| Solomon McNeil, | | Lt Col. " do |

The musters as yet were held at "Cork plain," in the westerly part of Deering, that being the most central point in the regimental limits, and furnishing the best ground upon which to form a regimental line, and upon which to drill the soldiers.

FIRST RIFLE COMPANY IN THE STATE.

A number of the citizens of this town, fired with military zeal after attending several musters, and particularly one at Goffstown, came to the determination to form a rifle company in this town. This was in 1818. No rifle company then existed in the state, the law making no provision for any such arm of the service. The founders of the Rifles here were not aware of that fact, however, when the matter was first broached. A company was soon formed, consisting of the following members:

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| Annas Campbell, captain, | David Cogswell, private, |
| James Rice, lieutenant, | Thomas M. Davis, " |
| Hezekiah Campbell, ensign, | Joseph B. Welch, " |
| Harry Barnes, sergeant, | William Cressy, " |
| Alexander Caldwell, " | Jacob Rice, " |
| David L. Cogswell, " | Elisha Wood, " |
| Zebulon Foster, Jr., " | Samuel Morrison, " |
| Micah Howe, Jr., musician, | Abel Connor, " |
| Jacob Peavey, " | Nathaniel Patch. " |
| James Gibson, " | Benjamin Rice, " |
| Jonah Campbell, " | Ira Whitcomb, " |
| James Caldwell, Jr., " | William Livingston, " |
| Jonathan P. Darling, private, | George Ball, " |
| John Peters, " | Thomas Tucker, " |
| James Childs, " | Annas Goss, " |
| Titus V. Wadsworth, " | Stephen Whitney, " |
| Imri Woods, " | Ira Colby, " |
| Joel Wood, " | Luther Goss, " |
| Paul Ray, " | Willard Rice, " |
| George W. Cogswell, " | Leonard Wood, " |
| Josiah Childs, " | William Hemphill, " |
| David Smith, " | Parker Smith, " |
| David Clough, " | |

Whole number, 45.

Capt. Campbell will be remembered as one of the most efficient and capable officers of the town. He had but few superiors in the state in his day.

The company immediately began to drill, and before the muster, in the fall of 1819, it had become exceedingly proficient. An application was soon made for commissions for the officers, when it was found there was no authority for raising riflemen. The militia then consisted of cavalry, artillery, light infantry or grenadiers, and infantry. Hon. Joshua Darling interested himself much in the formation of the company; and when the legislature assembled, in June, 1819, he caused the militia act to be amended by inserting the following :

And the Field Officers of any Regiment may, with the consent of the Brigadier General, organize one Company of Riflemen, which may consist of thirty six rank and file, to be officered like the Infantry, and each non commissioned officer and private shall be armed with a good Rifle, and equipped as Riflemen usually are in actual service.

This act was approved July 19, 1819. The rank and file of infantry at that time was sixty-four. Samuel Bell was governor, Jonathan Harvey, president of the senate, and Matthew Harvey, speaker of the house. Imri Woods was commissioned ensign in 1820, Hezekiah Campbell resigning.

The rifles for the company were manufactured by Messrs. Hardy & Slocum, of Shrewsbury, Mass., and were purchased by John C. Proctor, hardware dealer in Boston, and delivered here for \$16 each.

Capt. Campbell soon had his riflemen drilled to an excellent degree of perfection, and when they mustered in the autumn of 1819, for the first time, they were well versed in the tactics of those days. When they reached "Cork plain," they found that their fame had preceded them, and that the militia of the regiment were anxious to see them. An immense concourse of spectators greeted the sturdy

riflemen as they took their place on the extreme left of the line, that being the position assigned them.

The finest company of the regiment, and one of the best drilled companies in the state heretofore, was the Francetown Light Infantry. They had been praised and petted so much, that they looked with disdain upon common infantry. Previous to the muster of this year, they had heard much of the Henniker Rifles, and they determined to insult, and, if possible, to humiliate them. With this determination, they met the rifles for the first time on that muster morning in 1819. After the line was formed, and while waiting for the appearance of the field officers for inspection and review, the light infantry, thinking it would be a good time to insult the riflemen, wheeled by platoons out of their position, which was on the extreme right, next to the cavalry, marched down the line past the riflemen, thence up in the rear. As soon as they had uncovered the riflemen, Capt. Campbell gave the command to follow them. When the light infantry reached their place in the line, they wheeled into position. Capt. Campbell marched around the right of the line, and came down in front. Just before he reached the light infantry, they again wheeled out, and offered the riflemen the greatest insult possible. When half way down the line, they were ordered to halt and about face, thus standing directly in the riflemen's way. No sooner was this command executed, than "Form square!" came from Capt. Campbell, and before the light infantry had time to think, they were surrounded by the riflemen, and the two commanders were brought face to face, within two feet of each other. Standing thus eying each other for a moment, but without a word spoken, "Form company!" rang out the clear voice of Capt. Campbell, and, deploying, he marched his company back to their position in the line, amidst the cheers of the entire regiment (save the light infantry) and of the immense throng of spectators. The fifes of Messrs. Howe and Gibson could be heard screaming over the entire plain; and the drums of Jo-

nah Campbell and Jacob Peavey sounded like scores of them. Jonah, with one stick in the air most of the time, made more music with the other than was ever heard to rattle from a drum before; and the ponderous blows of Mr. Caldwell upon the bass drum harmonized with the pride with which the riflemen resumed their position, while the light infantry marched back to *their* position, wondering what sort of a movement that was by which the riflemen surrounded them.

The riflemen soon became the crack company of the regiment. Between them and the light infantry there was a pleasant rivalry, and a friendship that was never broken. It is doubtful if the state had any finer companies at that time than the Henniker Riflemen and the Francestown Light Infantry. The rifle company maintained its organization upwards of thirty years, and until trainings and musters were done away with. The captains of the company were

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| Annas Campbell, | Luther Goss, |
| Imri Woods, | Harris Campbell, |
| Harry Barnes, | William K. Plummer, |
| J. Proctor Darling, | Hazen K. Plummer, |
| Zebulon Foster, Jr., | Rufus Sawyer, |
| Alexander Caldwell, | William H. Sawyer, |
| George W. Cogswell, | John L. Colby, |
| Jeremiah Foster, | William Adams. |

July 1, 1819, the law was so modified that all persons between the ages of eighteen and forty-five were ordered to be enrolled: to have a parade of each company on the first Tuesday of May, and upon two other days besides muster. This law was modified in 1820, companies being called out only once besides the parade in May. Alterations and amendments were often made in and to the law, but it remained substantially the same until the militia system was abolished, July 5, 1851.

December 18, 1824, the militia of this town, Warner, and Hopkinton were formed into a regiment, and were numbered as the fortieth.

The first muster held in this town was on September 12, 1826, on the plain easterly from the village known as the "Dea. Connor plain." Dea. Connor, who then lived in the "Black house," was licensed to sell spirituous liquors for one week at that time, as were also Capt. R. M. Wallace and Thomas Kirk, who resided where Moody Tucker now lives. The muster was held here every third year, on that plain and on the plain north of the village known as "Bell's plain." The last one was held on Bell's plain in September, 1848.

In 1840 a company was formed, called the Henniker Grenadiers, which consisted of forty-eight rank and file. Capt. Jeremiah Foster, who had passed through all the promotions in the rifle company, was chosen commander, Joseph F. Andrews, lieutenant, and Worcester Harthorn, ensign. Capt. Foster served for several years, and brought the company to a high state of perfection in the drill of the tactics used in those days. Among the commanding officers of the grenadiers were Hiram A. Campbell, George W. Rice, John Smith, and Washington C. Cogswell.

The grenadiers mustered in full ranks until 1851, when the militia were disbanded. Muster days were a great event. At the first muster in this town many of the officers and soldiers came into town the evening previous, quartering at the hotels and among their friends. Before daylight the soldiers began to arrive; and when the morning gun, at sunrise, was fired by the artillery connected with the regiment, the town was full of soldiers. The companies of this town met on the common of the meeting-house and in the square by the hotel north of the river, and marched to the muster-field to the stirring music of the fife and drum—the best music yet invented to fire the patriotism of the soldier—and took their positions in the regimental line being formed: other companies formed on the muster-field, and marched to their positions. The formation of the line was with the cavalry or "troop" on the right, then the artillery, the light infantry and grenadiers, the raw militia, with the rifles on the

left. The line to be formed upon was staked out the day before, and a furrow ploughed its entire length. About ten o'clock the general with his staff appeared upon the field, riding down in front and up in the rear of the line, then galloping off to his head-quarters again; then the inspector-general commenced with the cavalry upon the right, and examined and inspected every company in the line. At the close of inspection of each company he had a few words to say; then, with a parting salute from the fifes and drums, he passed on to the next company.

After the inspection was over, the thunder of the artillery announced the arrival of the general and his staff again upon the field. Upon stationing himself at a central point, the entire regiment, by company front, in platoons, marched by him, presenting arms as they did so, the fifes and drums playing the proper salute. After all had passed in review, a hollow square was formed, into which rode the general and his staff, who complimented the troops upon their splendid appearance, assuring them, in eloquent words, that could England look upon their stalwart forms and witness their proficiency in drill, the British lion would forever remain silent.

Then dinner was had, provided, as has been stated, by each town, after which a "sham fight" was indulged in. This was a very faint representation of the manner in which a battle was supposed to be fought. The day's work and duty ended with the sun one hour high, and the soldiers scattered to their homes.

While this was going on as the soldiers' work, there were still other scenes shifting upon the muster-field. Innumerable peddlers almost lined the field, selling all manner of wares, while gingerbread carts were as plenty as could well be. This was the favorite cake in those times, and hardly any one upon that day went to his home without carrying one or more sheets of gingerbread; the boys with theirs in their hands, some of the men with theirs in their coat-pockets,

and others still stowing it away in the crowns of their hats. An immense concourse of people were in attendance, and the day was enjoyed very much by all who participated in its duties and its pleasures.

What was true of this muster-day was true of the whole, save that, in later years, "brass music" began to be heard instead of the fife and drum. The militia usually assembled upon some afternoon in May for drill, and again just before the muster. Four days previous to the drill, the soldiers were "warned" to appear on parade. The uniformed companies took great delight in drilling, and improved every moment of the afternoon. The raw militia, as they were called, pursued a different course. Some came without coat or vest, an old hat covering their heads; some with one boot or shoe on, others with none; some with a good musket and bayonet, others with a musket without lock, and some without stock; some with a piece of hoop-iron or a wooden stick for a bayonet; some with cartridge-box and flints, others without any; some with a wooden canteen, others with a small tin pail answering its purpose; some trying to be men and soldiers, and some assuming the most grotesque figures imaginable. All collected on the common near the town-house. The orderly sergeant formed his company, called the roll, and then delivered the company to the command of his captain, who gave the command to "dress to the right," and form a straight line. This was simply an impossibility, and the company was often backed against the meeting-house to get the line straight. Then such evolutions as were performed! the larger part of the men going in an opposite direction to that called for by the order, some finally bringing up in their own platoon and some in another one; and when the line was again formed, some of the men belonging on the left were found at the right of the company, and some of the right at the left. So the afternoon wore away, and when night came, the men were no more proficient in drill than

they were at noon, but they had indulged in an immense amount of mirth and hilarity. Almost invariably one or more went to their homes disgusted, they having been the victims of the jokes and sayings that had been bandied about through the day. The custom of "treating" the soldiers was always one of the duties of the commanding officer. Having got his men into marching order, they appeared at one of the hotels, rested on their arms, and Major Crocker, with his uniform on, passed the drink that had been ordered. Nearly all the soldiers had a pleasant word for the good Major, who invariably showed his ivory teeth as he exclaimed to one and another, "Great doin's to-day, sir!"

Notwithstanding all that was said against these muster and training days, they were days of great interest, not only to the soldiers, but to the young people, who enjoyed them hugely; and there have never been any gatherings where there was more real enjoyment, and pure, genial friendship and innocent mirth, than were brought forth upon those once long-wished-for but now departed days.

CAVALRY OR "TROOPERS."

The cavalry or "troop" of the 26th Regiment, that mustered at "Cork plain," was commanded many years by Capt. John C. Proctor, of this town. A large number of the wide-awake young men living here were members of his company. Capt. Proctor was of fine physique and commanding presence. He was a superior drill-officer, and under his command the cavalry of the 26th Regiment had no equal for fine drill in cavalry tactics in the state. Josiah Morse, Sen., was a cornet in this company for many years. The cavalry belonging to the 40th Regiment, to which the militia of this town was afterwards attached, was commanded by Jonas Wallace, Josiah Morse, Thomas Kirk, Moody Tucker, and Joseph Peters.

CHAPTER XIV.

WAR OF THE REBELLION.

ACTION OF THE TOWN—NAMES OF SOLDIERS IN THE
VARIOUS REGIMENTS—NUMBER OF MEN—EXPENSE OF
THE TOWN—ROLL OF HONOR.

THE feeling of solicitude and alarm which pervaded the minds of the loyal North during the winter of 1860-'1, as state after state in the South dissolved its membership with the hitherto considered indissoluble Federal Union, became more intense as the early spring opened; and when the attack on Fort Sumter took place, April 13, 1861, which resulted in its capture and the degradation of the national flag, the North was aroused as by an electric shock. In the shops, the stores, upon the farms, and at all public places, nothing else was spoken of, nothing else was thought of. The one great thought was, How shall this terrible calamity be averted, and the union of these states once more be consummated? The proclamation of the President of the United States, April 15, 1861, calling for 75,000 men to put down the insurrection, was hailed with joy by the people.

Impromptu gatherings were held in all the larger towns. No meeting of the citizens of this town, as a town, was held; but on the evening of one of the early days in May a large delegation came down by rail from Hillsborough, and were met at the depot by a large gathering of the citizens of this town, who, headed by the Henniker Cornet Band, escorted

them through the principal streets of the village, calling out several of the more prominent citizens, who made short addresses, the whole affair interspersed with the firing of the cannon brought down by the delegation from Hillsborough.

New Hampshire's quota was one regiment of three months men. No one enlisted from this town, for the town, in this regiment; but one of the first volunteers was a native of Henniker, who had but recently left the town. The name of this gallant soldier was Enoch W. Goss, who enlisted from Concord. He was commissioned second lieutenant of Company I, April 30, 1861, and was mustered out August 9, 1861. [For a further notice of him, see Roll of Honor.]

In July, 1861, the President issued his call for 300,000 three years' men: then the quotas were assigned the towns to be filled. Enlistments began to be numerous throughout the state. The Second Regiment was immediately formed (in May, before the call for three years men), in which the following men from this town enlisted:

SECOND REGIMENT.

Nelson Hurd, Co. G; mustered June 5, 1861; discharged for disability, Oct. 31, 1862.

Proctor Collins, Co. H; mustered June 5, 1861; mustered out June 21, 1864.

Charles Wilkins, Co. B; mustered June 1, 1861. [See Roll of Honor.]

Charles E. Goodwin, Co. B; mustered June 1, 1861; discharged for disability, Nov. 20, 1863.

Henry Bowman, Co. H; mustered June 5, 1861; deserted Oct. 12, 1862.

Clarence M. Hill, Co. H; mustered June 5, 1861; reënlisted Jan. 1, 1864.

George L. Chase, Co. H; mustered June 5, 1861. [See Roll of Honor.]

Horace Page, Co. H; mustered June 5, 1861; discharged for disability Oct. 23, 1861.

The following enlisted in the Third Regiment:

Eben Adams, Co. H; mustered Aug. 21, 1861; captured Aug. 21, 1862, on James Island, S. C., soon afterwards exchanged; promoted to

corporal Nov. 1, 1863; reënlisted Jan. 31, 1864; wounded Aug. 16, 1864, and shortly after promoted to sergeant; mustered out July 20, 1865.

SHARPSHOOTERS.

This state furnished three companies of sharpshooters for the war. The idea of raising regiments of sharpshooters was a novel one. Nothing of the kind had ever been attempted in the annals of warfare in this country; and when Col. Berdan received permission to raise a force of sharpshooters, to be armed with Sharpe's rifles, the ranks were filled with alacrity. The three companies from this state had no superiors in that arm of the service. They were sometimes used as skirmishers, but were mostly detailed in detachments, where more skilful work could be done. One of the very finest of these companies was Co. G, which participated in all the campaigns of the Army of the Potomac, from the date of its muster until near the close of the war. The following enlisted as sharpshooters from this town:

Frank H. Carr, Co. G; mustered Dec. 12, 1861; reënlisted Dec. 21, 1863; promoted to sergeant Nov. 1, 1864; transferred to 5th N. H. Vols., Jan. 30, 1865; received a commission as second lieutenant in Co. A, May 1, 1865; mustered out June 28, 1865.

Charles F. Stevens, Co. G; mustered Dec. 12, 1861; discharged for disability July 30, 1863.

Chester Bailey, Co. E; enlisted for Concord, and was mustered Aug. 27, 1862; discharged for disability Oct. 22, 1862.

SEVENTH REGIMENT.

James H. Caldwell, Co. D; mustered Nov. 6, 1861. [See Roll of Honor.]

Lyman H. Cheney, Co. D; mustered Nov. 6, 1861; promoted to corporal Nov. 6, 1861; promoted to sergeant Aug. 22, 1863; mustered out Dec. 22, 1864.

John S. Elliott, Co. E; mustered Nov. 7, 1861; mustered out Dec. 22, 1864.

George S. Elliott, Co. E; mustered Nov. 7, 1861. [See Roll of Honor.]

Lewis Seymour, Co. E; mustered Nov. 7, 1861; enlisted for Manchester; reënlisted Feb. 28, 1864.

Winford L. Ripley, Co. E, mustered Nov. 7, 1861. [See Roll of Honor.]

Charles Seymour, Co. E; mustered Nov. 7, 1861; discharged for disability, at Hilton Head, S. C., June 5, 1863.

Alpha C. Smith, Co. E; mustered Nov. 7, 1861; wounded severely Oct. 7, 1864; mustered out Dec. 22, 1864.

William P. Dwinells, Co. H; mustered Dec. 14, 1861; discharged for disability, June 20, 1862.

Frederick H. Barnes, Co. E; under 18; mustered Nov. 7, 1861; discharged by civil authority Dec. 11, 1861.

Lorenzo F. Connor; mustered Aug. 21, 1862. [See Roll of Honor.]

EIGHTH REGIMENT.

The following men enlisted for this town in the Eighth Regiment:

Thomas H. Rogers, Co. E; mustered Dec. 20, 1861; promoted to sergeant Jan. 1, 1864; reënlisted Jan. 4, 1864.

Thomas B. Adams, Co. E; mustered Dec. 20, 1861. [See Roll of Honor.]

These comprise the enlistments, so far as known, for the year 1861.

With the exception of the Second Regiment,—the First having been mustered out at the expiration of its three months' service,—the others (the Third, Seventh, and Eighth) were in the South. The Second belonged to the Army of the Potomac. The men in the Second participated in the battle of Bull Run, Sunday, July 21, 1861, which was the first battle of any importance that had thus far taken place.

The year 1862 opened with the South still rebellious, and showing a bold front. It now became apparent that to secure peace would require a struggle of great magnitude. In July, 1862, the president issued his call for 300,000 more three years' men, and again the work of recruiting began. Public meetings were held, at which patriotic sentiments were uttered, with a view to further enlistments. Towns began to fill their quotas by offering bounties to those that

would enlist. At a meeting of the town, held Nov. 26, 1861, the town instructed the selectmen to assist the families of the volunteers from this town needing assistance, in a sum not exceeding the amount to be drawn from the state treasury, which amount had been provided for by the legislature the June previous.

At the annual meeting, held in March, 1862, the town voted to abate the poll tax of the volunteers in the service. Other than these, the town had passed no votes, nor taken any action in regard to those enlisting from this town. At a meeting held August 16, 1862, it was

Voted to pay each person who had enlisted since July 1, 1862, or who should hereafter enlist in any regiment in this state for three years, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

A call having been made by the President, August 4, 1862, for 300,000 nine months men, this same meeting voted to pay any person enlisting for nine months, seventy-five dollars. The selectmen were instructed to borrow a sum, not exceeding ten thousand dollars, to carry these votes into effect. With this liberal encouragement, enlistments were rapidly made. Several new regiments were formed in the state.

The following men enlisted in the

NINTH REGIMENT.

Orlando Flanders, Co. F; mustered Aug. 5, 1862. [See Roll of Honor.]

Lendell A. Connor, Co. G; mustered Aug. 13, 1862; mustered out June 10, 1865.

Hiram H. Clark, Co. G; mustered Aug. 13, 1862; mustered out June 10, 1865; was a drummer.

George W. Gove, Co. G; mustered Aug. 13, 1862. [See Roll of Honor.]

Horace Page, Co. G; mustered Aug. 13, 1862 (second enlistment); promoted corporal May 5, 1864; captured near the Wilderness, May 5, 1864; paroled Dec., 1864; discharged, 1865.

Samuel E. Tucker, Co. F; mustered Aug. 5, 1862; mustered out June 10, 1865.

William H. Stone, Co. F; mustered Aug. 5, 1862; transferred to Signal Corps; served during the war.

A company for the Eleventh Regiment was recruited from this town, Hillsborough, and Warner, together with a few from Hopkinton. About forty enlisted from this town for this regiment. Many will remember the morning the recruits left town to rendezvous at Concord. Meeting upon the common, near the brick church, the company was formed, and, escorted by the cornet band, marched with bared heads through the village to the depot, where hundreds of their fellow-citizens had met, who, with tearful eyes, bade them good-by and a god-speed. The following men passed examination, and became members of company D:

ELEVENTH REGIMENT.

Leander W. Cogswell, enlisted Aug. 13, 1862; mustered Aug. 29, 1862; commissioned captain Sept. 4, 1862; promoted lieutenant-colonel Aug. 20, 1864; assistant inspector-general on the staff of Maj-Gen. S. G. Griffin, 2d Brigade, 2d Division, 9th Army Corps, with rank of colonel; discharged for disability, by order of the War Department, April 26, 1865.

Thomas L. Sanborn, enlisted Aug. 13, 1862; mustered Aug. 29, 1862; commissioned first lieutenant Sept. 4, 1862; discharged Feb. 23, 1863.

Joseph A. Modica, enlisted Aug. 13, 1862; mustered Aug. 29, 1862; promoted sergeant the same day; promoted first lieutenant July 1, 1863; appointed captain U. S. A., by brevet, for gallant and meritorious conduct before Petersburg, Va., to date from April 2, 1865; mustered out June, 4, 1865, on the staff of Gen. Potter, commanding 2d Division, 9th Army Corps.

Alphonso B. Wood, mustered Aug. 29, 1862. [See Roll of Honor.]

Hamilton F. Green, mustered Aug. 29, 1862. [See Roll of Honor.]

Robert D. Rice, mustered Aug. 29, 1862. [See Roll of Honor.]

Israel Adams, drummer, mustered Aug. 29, 1862; discharged at Washington, D. C., March 12, 1863.

Rufus S. Howe, wagoner, mustered Aug. 29, 1862; discharged for disability, Jan. 14, 1863, at Knoxville, Md.

George E. Barnes, mustered Aug. 29, 1862; wounded severely at

Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 13, 1862; discharged for disability, Feb. 15, 1864.

Alfred A. Barnes, mustered Aug. 29, 1862; transferred to Veteran Invalid Corps Jan. 15, 1865; mustered out July 5, 1865.

Frederic H. Barnes, mustered Aug. 29, 1862; mustered out with the regiment, June 4, 1865.

Tompkins Baker, mustered Sept. 2, 1862. [See Roll of Honor.]

Charles A. Bean, mustered Aug. 29, 1862; transferred to Veteran Invalid Corps Jan. 28, 1864; discharged July 8, 1864.

Charles H. Bell, mustered Aug. 29, 1862; severely wounded at Fredericksburg, Dec. 13, 1862; transferred to Veteran Invalid Corps, March 31, 1864; mustered out July 13, 1865.

Arthur A. Brown, mustered Aug. 29, 1862; mustered out June 4, 1865, with the regiment.

Albert W. Bowers, mustered Aug. 29, 1862; promoted sergeant; discharged for disability, at Concord, N. H., June 5, 1865.

Fitz E. Cogswell, mustered Sept. 3, 1862; mustered out June 4, 1865, with the regiment.

Lewis Childs, mustered Aug. 29, 1862; promoted corporal; wounded severely at the "Mine explosion" in front of Petersburg, Va., July 30, 1864; mustered out May 12, 1865.

George S. Clark, mustered Aug. 29, 1862; mustered out with the regiment, June 4, 1865.

Thomas M. Davis, mustered Sept. 2, 1862; wounded at Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 13, 1862; transferred to Veteran Invalid Corps Feb. 15, 1864; mustered out July 18, 1865.

Warren Farren, mustered Aug. 29, 1862. [See Roll of Honor.]

George H. Green, mustered Aug. 29, 1862; mustered out with the regiment, June 4, 1865.

Charles C. Hill, mustered Aug. 29, 1862; mustered out with the regiment, June 4, 1865.

William G. Harriman, mustered Aug. 29, 1862; mustered out with the regiment, June 4, 1865.

Charles Knott, mustered Aug. 29, 1862; wounded at Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 13, 1862; mustered out with the regiment, June 4, 1865.

John H. Ordway, mustered Aug. 29, 1862. [See Roll of Honor.]

Joshua Ordway, mustered Aug. 29, 1862. [See Roll of Honor.]

James W. Ripley, mustered Aug. 29, 1862. [See Roll of Honor.]

William H. Rice, mustered Aug. 29, 1862. [See Roll of Honor.]

Charles E. Wood, mustered Aug. 29, 1862. [See Roll of Honor.]

William H. Wardsworth, mustered Aug. 29, 1862. [See Roll of Honor.]

This regiment immediately joined the Army of the Potomac, and received its first baptism of blood at the battle of Fredericksburg, Va., December 13, 1862. It was afterwards detached from the Army of the Potomac, together with the rest of the Ninth Army Corps, and became a part of the Army of the Ohio. Subsequently it was transferred to the Southern army. The regiment was present at the capture of Vicksburg, July 4, 1863. It afterwards became a part of the Army of the Tennessee, and spent the winter of 1863-64 in East Tennessee. In November, 1863, it was at the siege of Knoxville, being the only New Hampshire regiment there. In May, 1864, it again joined the Army of the Potomac, and followed the fortunes of that army until the close of the war. The brave boys of this town who became members of this regiment shared its hardships and terrible campaigns, falling out, one by one, as disease and death fastened upon them. When the regiment was mustered out, June 4, 1865, of the *thirty-one* who were members when it left the state, only *nine* were in its ranks.

THIRTEENTH REGIMENT.

The following enlisted into Company I, Thirteenth Regiment :

Enoch W. Goss, mustered Dec. 30, 1862. [See Roll of Honor.]

FOURTEENTH REGIMENT.

The following enlisted into this regiment :

Charles C. Carr, Co. D; mustered Sept. 23, 1862. [See Roll of Honor.]

Edward W. Barnes, Co. H; mustered Oct. 1, 1862; discharged for disability, at Washington, D. C., Dec. 9, 1863.

SIXTEENTH REGIMENT.

The following men enlisted in this regiment, as nine months men, from this town :

Frank B. Modica, Co. K; mustered Nov. 20, 1862; promoted sergeant-major Nov. 22, 1862; promoted second lieutenant May 22, 1863; mustered out Aug. 20, 1863.

George M. Wilkins, Co. K; mustered Nov. 20, 1862. [See Roll of Honor.]

Jonathan Flanders, Jr., Co. D; mustered Nov. 5, 1862. [See Roll of Honor.]

Nelson D. Knight, Co. D; mustered Nov. 5, 1862; mustered out Aug. 20, 1863.

Francis B. Scribner, Co. D; mustered Nov. 5, 1862; mustered out Aug. 20, 1863.

Notwithstanding the large number of men who had already enlisted from this town, the quota was not yet full.

The following men from this town enlisted during 1863, into the regiments as follows:

ELEVENTH REGIMENT.

James M. Colby, Co. D; mustered Dec. 12, 1863; promoted to corporal; transferred to 6th N. H. Vols., June 1, 1865.

The quota of the towns not filling up as rapidly as was desirable, a draft was resorted to.

At a meeting of the town, held Sept. 21, 1863, it was voted to pay every man drafted \$300 bounty. This was to be paid to them if mustered into the service, or if they should procure a substitute to serve for them. These men were drafted for three years. The town, at this meeting, voted to raise \$8,000 to pay the drafted men or their substitutes.

At a meeting of the town, held Dec. 16, same year, the selectmen were authorized "to borrow a sum not exceeding \$12,000 to fill up the quota of the town." During the season twenty-seven men were drafted and furnished substitutes.

The year 1864 opened with gloomy fears upon the part of the loyal North. Several heavy battles had taken place during the year just past, but without decisive results.

The government now determined to make one final effort to crush the rebellion, and with this end in view the armies were concentrated at a few strategic points, and all placed

under the command of one man, who was subject only to the orders of the president himself.

A call for 500,000 men was issued by the president Feb. 1, 1864, and another one for 200,000 men was issued March 14th following. Another call for 500,000 men was issued July 18, 1864.

Under these calls the following men enlisted from this town, and were assigned to the following regiments of this state :

SECOND REGIMENT.

Charles Brown, Co. B; mustered Aug. 18, 1864; transferred to Co. I, 13th Regt., June 21, 1865; mustered out Dec. 19, 1865.

Loren D. Hemphill, Co. B; mustered Jan. 1, 1864; transferred to Co. I, 13th Regt., June 11, 1865; mustered out Dec. 19, 1865.

SIXTH REGIMENT.

Alphonzo Page, Co. I; mustered Jan. 1, 1864; discharged for disability, Jan. 19, 1865.

William W. Heard, Co. I; mustered Jan. 1, 1864. [See Roll of Honor.]

EIGHTEENTH REGIMENT.

Charles H. Andrews, Co. A; mustered Sept. 13, 1864. [See Roll of Honor.]

George O. Ordway, Co. A; mustered Sept. 13, 1864. [See Roll of Honor.]

Lewis Gibson, Co. E; mustered Sept. 23, 1864; mustered out June 10, 1865.

Charles Seymour, Co. A; mustered Sept. 13, 1864; second enlistment, mustered out June 10, 1865; promoted corporal.

David McDole, Co. B; mustered Sept. 13, 1864; discharged for disability Dec. 10, 1864.

FIRST REGIMENT CAVALRY.

Henry C. Goodwin, Troop C; mustered April 5, 1864; wounded June 23, 1864; wounded Oct. 9, 1864; mustered out July 15, 1865.

Reuben M. Gregg, Troop M; mustered Dec. 7, 1863; promoted corporal May 1, 1865; mustered out July 15, 1865.

FIRST REGIMENT HEAVY ARTILLERY.

Henry W. Gordon, Co. C; mustered Sept. 2, 1864; mustered out June 15, 1865.

George A. Gordon, Co. C; mustered Sept 2, 1864; mustered out June 15, 1865.

FIRST N. E. CAVALRY, N. H. BATTALION.*

Robert Campbell, Troop I; mustered Dec. 17, 1861. [See Roll of Honor.]

Several of the men from this town having reënlisted, the town, at a meeting held May 24, 1864, voted to pay each man so reënlisting the sum of \$200.

At a meeting held June 7, same year, the town voted "to pay the drafted men, or their substitutes, the sum of \$300 in gold."

At a meeting held August 30th, same year, the town voted to pay \$800 bounty; and at a meeting held four days after, the town voted to pay a bounty of \$1,000 to any one mustered into the service for two or three years.

Notwithstanding the very liberal bounties that were offered by the town, drafting had to be resorted to, and during this year of 1864, twenty-four men were drafted or furnished substitutes.

Jacob R. Foster, enlisted as a musician in volunteer band belonging to 2d Brigade, 10th Corps; stationed at Hilton Head, S. C.; mustered April 10, 1863; discharged by order, Nov. 3, 1863.

The following enlisted in the

FIFTH REGIMENT.

Matthew H. Perry, Co. D; mustered Sept. 20, 1864, for three years; discharged with regiment.

The following men enlisted in the United States Navy:

Robert Wallace, engineer department.

William Wallace.

*Formed in 1861.

Reënlisted veterans :

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| Robert Campbell, | Eben Adams, |
| Frank H. Carr, | George W. Elliott, |
| Clarence M. Hill, | Lewis Seymour. |
| Thomas H. Rogers, | |

Residents of the town who enlisted elsewhere than in this state:

Daniel E. Nichols, Rhode Island regiment.

William Breed, unknown.

Ezra T. Folsom, 2d Battalion Mass. Artillery.

James H. Ellis, Western regiment.

Edson Tucker, Michigan regiment.

Gawn Wilkins, first lieutenant 17th Ill. Regt.

George Morrill, deserted before assigned.

Freeman E. Colby, mustered July 22, 1862, in Co. K, 39th Mass. Vols.

Newton G. Colby, mustered July 22, 1862, in Co. K, 39th Mass. Vols.

Jonas Bacon, mustered July 22, 1862, in Co. K, 39th Mass. Vols. [See Roll of Honor.]

Thomas A. Gorman, enlisted into Co. I, 11th Regt. U. S. Infantry, in 1864.

Charles W. Tucker was a teamster in the Southern Department; did not enlist.

RECAPITULATION.

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| Whole number of first enlistments in land forces..... | 87 |
| “ “ “ navy | 2 |
| “ enlisted in other states..... | 11 |
| “ reënlisted veterans..... | 7 |
| “ second enlistments, not reënlisted | 5 |
| “ substitutes | 51 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total..... | 163 |
| Whole number enlisted for the town..... | 92 |
| “ “ “ navy..... | 2 |
| “ reënlisted..... | 7 |
| “ substitutes..... | 51 |
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| Whole number furnished by the town..... | 152 |

The following, from the treasurer's books, shows the amount expended by the town for its volunteers and substitutes, and the expense in procuring the same :

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| Sept., 1862. | |
| Paid 44 volunteers \$150 each, | \$6,600 00 |
| twelve drafted men \$300 each, | 3,600.00 |
| one volunteer, | 150.00 |
| E. B. S. Sanborn, for recruiting soldiers in 1862, | 229.00 |
| fifteen men furnished under the call of October, | |
| 1863, | 7,125.00 |
| enrolled men who furnished substitutes under | |
| call of July 14, 1864,—12 men, \$300 each, | 3,600.00 |
| one volunteer, | 300.00 |
| eight enrolled men, furnished substitutes, \$300 | |
| each, | 2,400.00 |
| seven men furnished under call of March, 1864, | |
| \$300 each, | 2,100.00 |
| eight volunteers, \$1,000 each, | 8,000.00 |
| four men who furnished substitutes March, 1865, | |
| \$300 each, | 1,200.00 |
| three volunteers, \$200 each, | 600.00 |
| amount of general bill, | 135.62 |
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| Total amount, | \$36,039.62 |
| Received from U. S. government, | 32,253.62 |
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| | \$3,786.00 |

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following biographical sketches of the brave sons of this town, who died in the service, and who have since died in consequence of disease contracted while in their line of duty, have been prepared with great care,—as much so as could possibly be done with the means of information at my command. I hope they will not be without interest.

CAPT. ENOCH W. GOSS,

son of Annas and Achsah Goss, was born in Henniker, May 28, 1836. His father was a soldier of the War of 1812. He spent his boyhood at home, working upon the farm, until he

became of age, when he learned the trade of a machinist, working at Concord and Manchester. At the breaking out of the Rebellion, he was residing in Portsmouth. He immediately went to Concord, and enlisted as a private in the First Regiment, placing his name upon the roll close under that of Maj. Edward E. Sturtevant, the first volunteer from this state. He was immediately commissioned second lieutenant of Company I, served three months, and was mustered out with the regiment. Upon the formation of the Thirteenth Regiment, he was commissioned first lieutenant of Company K, September 27, 1862, and was promoted to the captaincy of Company I, of the same regiment, December 30, 1862, for meritorious conduct at the battle of Fredericksburg, December 13, 1862. He followed the fortunes of his regiment until the campaign of 1864, when he was detached from it, and placed in command of a battalion of sharpshooters attached to the First Division of the Eighteenth Corps. He was killed at the head of his command, October 27, 1864, aged 28 years, 4 months, and 29 days.

The following tribute to him is from the pen of his old commander, one of the most gallant of New Hampshire's sons in the service,—Gen. Aaron F. Stevens, of Nashua.

During the campaign of 1864, Capt. Goss was detached from his regiment, and placed in command of a battalion of sharpshooters attached to the First Division of the Eighteenth Army Corps. In this command and service he remained until his death on the field of battle. It was a position unexpectedly tendered him, but promptly accepted; and it is but justice to the memory of a gallant and intrepid officer, to declare that the responsible and dangerous duties of his new command were discharged with remarkable ability, promptness, and success. Previous to his detail for this new service, a call was made upon his commander to designate a suitable successor to the gallant officer who had fallen at the head of the battalion. Capt. Goss was named as among the most reliable and meritorious officers of his regiment. His services were at once accepted by the superior officer. We have said his acceptance of the new and untried position was prompt and unhesitating, but it did not take place until after a full and free conference with his com-

manding officer, in which the responsibilities and increased personal danger that must necessarily attach to his new command were closely pressed upon his attention. He recognized both fully and completely, but shrank from neither; and with an apparent proud satisfaction that he had been honored by the choice and confidence of his superior officers, he entered upon his new duties with cheerful alacrity. His subsequent conduct and achievements fully confirmed the high estimate which his military associates had always placed upon his activity, coolness, and courage. His bravery continued unquestioned; his ability to lead and to command was amply assured; and he held with firm hand the confidence of all up to the hour when, like a gallant soldier, he died at the head of his chosen and favorite corps.

LIEUT. CHARLES WILKINS,

son of James and Sarah Wilkins, was born in Henniker, July 7, 1835. Attending school closely for several years in his younger days, upon reaching his majority he became a clerk in one of the stores of his native town, which business he was engaged in when the first call for volunteers was made in 1861. He became a member of Company B, Second Regiment, June 1, 1861, enlisting for three years. He participated in the first battle of Bull Run (Sunday, July 21, 1861), at which time he was severely wounded in the right shoulder, a ball passing entirely through it. He bore up under his severe wound with heroic bravery. As soon as it had partially healed, he was again anxious to be in the service. Upon being discharged from his regiment, he received a commission as second lieutenant in the First Regiment U. S. Infantry, Feb. 20, 1862, and joined his command, then stationed in Missouri. He participated with his regiment in several skirmishes and battles, escaping unharmed until June, 1863. While on duty during the siege of Vicksburg he became exposed, and the unerring bullet of a sharp-shooter from the enemy's ranks inflicted upon him a fatal wound. He was carefully removed to a hospital in St. Louis, where he was tenderly cared for, but without avail: on June 20, 1863, the brave boy passed peacefully away,

aged 27 years, 11 months, and 4 days. His body was brought home, and on a Sunday in June, 1863, it was buried with Masonic honors, amidst a very large concourse of sorrowing relatives, friends, and townsmen. He was the first person buried in the new cemetery.

Lieut. Wilkins was ever faithful in the discharge of his duty, and received many complimentary notices from his superior officers, by whom he was held in the highest esteem.

LIEUT. GEORGE M. WILKINS,

son of James and Sarah Wilkins, was born in Henniker, October 10, 1833. He was a wheelwright by trade, and worked with his father in the shop and upon the farm until the call for nine months men, in 1862, when he enlisted as a private in Company K, Sixteenth Regiment, and was mustered into the service November 20, 1862. The 22d of the same month he was promoted to quartermaster-sergeant, and went with his regiment to Louisiana, where he was in active service until the regiment was ordered home at the expiration of its service. He was promoted to second lieutenant, receiving a commission as such April 25, 1863. He was assigned to Company K, in which he had been mustered. The regiment came home by way of the Mississippi river, and through the Western and Middle states. Lieut. Wilkins had been quite ill for several days before the regiment reached Bellefontaine, Ohio, where he was left, being unable to proceed. Every possible attention was paid him by stranger hands; but the disease had taken a sure hold of the brave, strong, stalwart soldier, and he died August 26, 1863, aged 29 years, 10 months, and 19 days. His body was brought home and buried with Masonic honors, amidst the mourning of stricken relatives and loving friends.

LIEUT. ROBERT M. CAMPBELL,

son of Annas and Patty Campbell, was born in Henniker, August 30, 1833. His father was captain of the first rifle company formed in this state, and a very efficient officer. From his father Robert inherited that military zeal which ever distinguished him when a boy. He followed the occupation of a farmer, and when the war broke out, he was residing in Sutton. He was mustered into Troop I of the New Hampshire Battalion of the First New England Cavalry, as a private, December 17, 1861, for three years. His battalion joined the Army of the Potomac, and was almost constantly on duty, scouting and performing picket duty. He was promoted to corporal, July 13, 1862, and to sergeant, January 1, 1863. January 5, 1864, he reënlisted, and was promoted to second lieutenant, receiving his commission March 18, 1864. He was assigned to Troop L, First Regiment of Cavalry. His battalion took a prominent part in the terrible campaign of 1864, being in the saddle almost constantly for several days at a time. Lieut. Campbell was placed in command of the picket-line on the outpost at White Oak Swamp, Va., and while skirmishing with the enemy, June 13, 1864, he was killed by a bullet from the enemy's works. His body was never recovered: the noble friend, the chivalric soldier, and the gallant comrade sleeps in an unknown grave. But he is not forgotten, for troops of loving friends will ever bear his memory in their faithful hearts. His age was 30 years, 9 months, and 13 days.

SERGEANT ALPHONSO B. WOOD,

son of James B. and Betsey R. Wood, was born in Henniker, August 9, 1840; followed the occupation of a farmer with his father; and at the outbreak of the rebellion was fitting himself for a teacher. He taught several terms with great acceptance to those who were so fortunate as to be

under his charge. He was mustered into Company D, Eleventh Regiment, August 29, 1862, was promoted to a sergeant immediately after, and was with the regiment in its first battle, at Fredericksburg, December 13, 1862, where he was found in the thickest of the fight. Shortly after he was taken ill, and although everything was done for him that could be done under the circumstances in which the regiment was placed at the time, he died December 25, 1862, at Falmouth, Va., where the regiment was then lying. His body was embalmed and sent home, and was followed to the grave by a large number of his youthful associates, in whose hearts he had a permanent abiding-place. He was a young man of much promise, of more than ordinary ability, with a bright future before him; yet, when his country called, he gladly gave himself for her defence. His age was 22 years, 4 months, and 16 days.

SERGEANT CHARLES E. WOOD,

son of Elisha and Jennie Wood, was born in Henniker, September 17, 1841. He always resided at home with his father, being an only son, until he was mustered as a private in Company D, Eleventh Regiment, August 29, 1862. He participated in the battle of Fredericksburg, Va., in the siege of Vicksburg, Miss., in the siege of Knoxville, Tenn., was in all the heavy battles of the campaign of 1864, with the Army of the Potomac until the mine explosion in front of Petersburg, Va., July 30, 1864, when he was severely wounded, and was removed to the hospital at David's island, New York, where he died August 30, 1864. His body was brought home, and buried in the yard near the old meeting-house. He was promoted to sergeant after the siege of Knoxville. His age was 22 years, 11 months, and 13 days. He was greatly beloved by his comrades, and was a brave, faithful soldier, ever ready for duty.

SERGEANT GEORGE W. GOVE,

son of John and Maria Gove, was born in Henniker, March 15, 1842. Most of his days had been spent in attending school, with the intention of becoming a teacher by profession, until he was mustered into Company G, Ninth Regiment, as a private, for three years. He was promoted to a sergeant immediately after. Twenty days after leaving the state, the regiment participated in the battle of South Mountain, on Sunday, September 14, 1862, where Sergeant Gove was severely wounded. He was removed to Big Spring hospital, where he died from his wound October 12, 1862. His body was brought home for interment, and a large concourse followed the body of the brave boy to the grave, he being the first martyr of the town in the war. His age was 20 years, 5 months, and 29 days. Sergeant Gove was a great favorite with his school-mates, ever kind and genial, and was a young man of fine attainments. Some of his literary productions were of more than usual worth, and but few of his associates, if any, had a brighter future before them.

SERGEANT LORENZO F. CONNOR,

son of Asa and Esther R. Connor, was born in Henniker, April 26, 1836. He followed the occupation of farming most of his time until he was mustered as a private in Company E, Seventh Regiment, August 21, 1862, for three years. He was promoted to a sergeant, and at the terrible assault of his regiment upon Fort Wagner, South Carolina, July 18, 1863, he was killed. His body was never recovered. His age was 27 years, 2 months, and 22 days. His term of service, although short, was full of danger, from which he never shrank. His superior officers speak in high terms of his gentlemanly bearing and chivalric conduct while a member of the regiment.

SERGEANT GEORGE W. ELLIOTT,

son of John and Mary D. Elliott, was born in Manchester, N. H., September 6, 1842. He followed the occupation of a farmer until he was mustered as a private in Company E, Seventh Regiment, November 7, 1861, for three years. He was promoted to corporal January 9, 1864, and afterwards to a sergeant. He reënlisted February 28, 1864, and was with his regiment in all their skirmishes, battles, and marches, until June 16, 1864, when, in the fight at Deep Bottom, Va., he was severely wounded in the right knee, from the effects of which wound he died July 13, 1864, in the hospital at Fortress Monroe, Virginia. His body was brought home and buried in the new cemetery, amid the sorrowing hearts of a large and loving circle, to whom the brave boy and faithful soldier was greatly endeared by his manly and upright conduct. His age was 21 years, 9 months, and 10 days.

SERGEANT JAMES H. CALDWELL,

son of Alexander and Mehitable Caldwell, was born in Hen-
niker, November 4, 1839. He was by occupation a farmer,
residing at home most of the time until he was mustered as
a private into Co. D, Seventh Regiment, November 6, 1861,
for three years. He was promoted to corporal the same
day, and to sergeant December 28, 1863. He followed the
varying fortunes of his regiment, ever ready for duty, and
prompt and faithful in the discharge of the same. He par-
ticipated in the battles of the campaign of 1864. During
the autumn he was taken ill, was carried to the hospital at
Fortress Monroe, where he died November 21, 1864. His
three years' faithful service was out just before he died,
but he was too ill to reach his home again. His body lies
buried in the national cemetery at Fortress Monroe, and a
neat little tablet marks the spot of his burial. His age was
25 years and 17 days. His father was a soldier of the War
of 1812.

CORPORAL ROBERT D. RICE,

son of Willard and Grizzy Rice, was born in Henniker, July 24, 1828. He followed the occupation of a farmer, teaching in the winter, until he was mustered as a private in Co. D, Eleventh Regiment, August 29, 1862, for three years. He was immediately promoted to corporal. He was taken ill shortly after the regiment joined the Army of the Potomac, in consequence of the severe exposure to which he was subjected, in common with the regiment. He was removed to the hospital, and for several months he was unfit for duty. As soon as sufficiently recovered, he rejoined his regiment, and at the terrible battle of Spottsylvania Court-House, Va., May 12, 1864, his left leg was broken above the knee, rendering him a cripple for life. He went to the hospital, was soon carried to Washington, where he was discharged October 20, 1864.

The next season he purchased a farm in the west part of the town, and married Miss Lovilla B. Swett, of Henniker. He passed his time upon his farm, teaching more or less nearly every winter. He was often honored with the confidence of his fellow-citizens, being chosen one of the selectmen in 1870, chairman of the board in 1871, and again a member in 1875. His army disease, together with his wound, hastened his death, which took place January 13, 1876, aged 47 years, 5 months, and 19 days. A widow and two children survived him.

CORPORAL HAMILTON F. GREEN,

son of Alva and Nancy T. Green, was a farmer by occupation, and married Harriet N., daughter of Stephen and Betsey Pingree, of this town. He was mustered as a private in Co. D, Eleventh Regiment, August 29, 1862, for three years, and was immediately promoted to a corporal. He participated in the battle of Fredericksburg, Va., December 13, 1862, at which time he received a severe wound, from

which he never recovered. He did duty as promptly and faithfully as he was able, until April 1, 1865, when he was discharged from the hospital at Concord, and died after reaching home. He left a widow, but no children.

PRIVATES.

Thomas B. Adams, son of Thomas B. and Mary P. Adams, was born in Henniker, March 6, 1842. He was a farmer by occupation, and was mustered into Company E, Eighth Regiment, December 20, 1861, and died of disease at Fort Independence, Boston harbor, July 15, 1862, having never been able to do duty in the field. His age was 19 years, 11 months, and 9 days. His body lies buried near the fort.

Charles H. Andrews, son of Benjamin C. and Abigail Ann Andrews, was born in North Chelmsford, Mass., November 23, 1847, and was mustered into Company A, Eighteenth Regiment, September 13, 1864, being at the time a clerk in one of the stores of this town, where he had resided most of his days. He died in Washington, D. C., November 16, 1854, from disease contracted by exposure while *en route* to Washington. His age was 16 years, 11 months, and 28 days. He was the youngest volunteer of the town, and not very hardy; but the same zeal that inspired an older brother to lay down his life at Port Hudson, La., June 14, 1863, caused him to enlist. He was a very worthy young man, and was greatly beloved by all who knew him.

Jonas Bacon, son of Jonas and Louisa Bacon, was born in Henniker, February 7, 1843. He was a farmer by occupation, living at home most of the time with his father until he was mustered as a private in Company K, Thirty-ninth Massachusetts Volunteers, July 22, 1862, being at that time a resident of Woburn, Mass. He was captured at the taking of the Weldon Railroad, near the "yellow tavern" below Petersburg, Va., August 19, 1864. He was carried to the

prison at Salisbury, N. C., where he died from starvation, December 30, 1864. His body is supposed to be buried near the place of confinement. His age was 21 years, 10 months, and 23 days. He was a youthful martyr for his country.

Tompkins Baker, son of James P. and Azubah Baker, was born in Henniker, December 13, 1834. He followed the occupations of a farmer and a carpenter until mustered into Company D, Eleventh Regiment, September 2, 1862, for three years. The exposure of the long march through Virginia, which his regiment performed soon after it joined the Army of the Potomac, was too severe for him, and, being too ill to participate in the battle of Fredericksburg, he was detailed as one of the camp guard. Every attention was bestowed upon him. He was afterwards sent to the hospital at Aquia Creek, Va., where he died, February 7, 1863. His body was buried near the hospital, and was never brought home. His parents mourned the loss of a dutiful son, upon whom they were depending in their declining years, and his immediate relatives a kind brother and a faithful friend. His age was 28 years, 1 month, and 24 days.

Charles C. Carr, son of Thomas W. and Caroline C. Carr, was born in Hopkinton, July 8, 1844. He worked with his father most of the time upon the farm until the call for more men in 1862. Having several brothers already in the service, he determined to join them, and he was mustered into Company D, Fourteenth Regiment, September 23, 1862, for three years. He did provost duty with his regiment at Washington until February, 1864, when it joined the Southern army, with which it remained until the July following. The regiment was subsequently attached to the Army of the Potomac, and was in the Shenandoah valley under Sheridan. Young Carr participated in the famous battle of Winchester, Va., October 19, 1864, where he was severely wounded. He died November 24, 1864, aged 20 years, 4 months, and 16 days. He was a very promising young man, and left a large circle of friends to mourn his early death. His body

was buried in the new cemetery in this town, his parents residing here at the time of his death.

George L. Chase, son of Stephen and Nancy Chase, was born in Sherbrooke, Can., August 23, 1841. He was a farmer by occupation. He had been a resident of this town for several years previous to his being mustered into Company H, Second Regiment, June 5, 1861, for three years. He followed the fortunes of his regiment, participating in several battles, doing his duty faithfully until stricken down by disease. He was honorably discharged, June 21, 1864, and died at his home, June 13, 1865, at the age of 23 years and 10 months.

Warren Farren, son of Warren and Keziah Farren, was born in Boscawen, June 10, 1823. He followed the sea ten years (in the whaling service), and afterwards followed the occupation of a miller. He resided in this town several years previous to his being mustered into Company D, Eleventh Regiment, August 29, 1862, for three years. He was detailed for duty in the Pioneer Corps, and did duty most faithfully with the regiment in all its hardships until after the Mississippi campaign in 1863. During this time he contracted the malarial fever, so prevalent in the South, and was placed in the hospital at Camp Nelson, Ky., where he died, February 25, 1864, at the age of 40 years, 8 months, and 15 days. He left a wife and one child.

Orlando E. Flanders, son of Alonzo R. and Nancy Flanders, was born in Henniker, May 23, 1845. He remained at home until mustered into Company F, Ninth Regiment, August 16, 1862, for three years. He participated in the battles of South Mountain, Antietam, and others in which the regiment was engaged, doing his duty heroically. During a charge made at Spottsylvania Court House, May 12, 1864, he was captured and carried to Andersonville, Ga., where he died from starvation, August 24, 1864. His body lies buried in the National cemetery at that place. A little tablet stands at the head of his grave, upon which are the

figures 6,678. His age was 19 years, 3 months, and 1 day.

Jonathan Flanders, Jr., son of Jonathan and Anna Flanders, was born in Weare, January 10, 1838. He was a farmer by occupation, and was a resident of this town for several years previous to being mustered into Company D, Sixteenth Regiment, November 5, 1862, for nine months. He did duty with his regiment in Louisiana, where he contracted a disease from which he never recovered. He was mustered out with his regiment, August 20, 1863; returned home, and died November 10, 1864, at the age of 26 years and 10 months, leaving a wife and two children to mourn his loss.

Ezra T. Folsom, son of Samuel and Sophronia Folsom, was born in Henniker, September 20, 1837. He was a farmer by occupation, and remained most of his time in this town until he was mustered into the Second Battalion of Massachusetts Artillery, in June, 1864. He went to Louisiana with his battalion, where he contracted the disease which was the cause of the death of so many brave boys from the North. He died in New Orleans, June 20, 1865, aged 27 years and 9 months. He was a descendant, on his mother's side, of Ezra Tucker, one of the first settlers of this town, and who was a soldier in the French and Indian War in 1756.

William W. Hurd, son of Nelson G. and Mary Hurd, was born in —————. He was mustered into Company I, Sixth Regiment, January 1, 1864, for three years. He was captured during the campaign of 1864, and was carried to Andersonville, Ga., where he died from starvation, August 26, 1864. He was buried in the National cemetery at that place. The tablet at the head of his grave is numbered 6,875.

Joshua Ordway, son of John C. and Lydia Ordway, was born in Hopkinton, November 10, 1822. He moved to this town several years before the war broke out, and was a farmer by occupation. He was mustered into Company D,

Eleventh Regiment, August 29, 1862, for three years. He was severely wounded at the battle of Fredericksburg, Va., December 13, 1862, and died January 8, 1863. His body was brought home and buried, February 15, 1863. He left a wife and two children. His age was 40 years, 1 month, and 28 days. The short time he was in the service was sufficient for him to win the esteem of all with whom he became acquainted. He was truly a most faithful soldier: his family lost a kind husband and an indulgent father.

John H. Ordway, son of John C. and Lydia Ordway, was born in Hopkinton, July 12, 1839. He resided in this town some time before the war, following the occupation of a farmer; and he was mustered into Company D, Eleventh Regiment, August 29, 1862, for three years. He was faithful in his duty with his regiment. During the Mississippi campaign, in 1863, he contracted a disease from which he was never to recover. After the regiment returned to Kentucky, in August, 1864, becoming seriously ill, he was placed in the hospital at Camp Nelson, where he died, February 24, 1864. His body was brought home and buried. He was 24 years, 6 months, and 12 days old. He was an excellent young man, always ready for duty; and by his death the regiment lost one of its best men.

George O. Ordway, son of Joshua and Martha K. Ordway, was born in Northfield, May 14, 1848. He attended school most of the time until he was mustered into Company A, Eighteenth Regiment, September 13, 1864, for one year. He served with his regiment until the close of the war, and was mustered out with it, June 3, 1865. He contracted a disease while in the service, which his youthful constitution could not withstand. For several years he was unable to perform any hard labor, owing to the disease, from which he died, August 7, 1871, aged 23 years, 2 months, and 19 days.

William H. Rice, son of Willard and Grizzy Rice, was born in Henniker, April 19, 1837. He was a farmer by occupation, remaining at home most of the time until he was

mustered into Company D, Eleventh Regiment, August 29, 1862, for three years. He was continually on duty with the regiment, participating in all its marches, skirmishes, and battles, until June, 1864, when his strong constitution gave way under the terrible exposures to which it had been subjected. He remained with his regiment as long as he could possibly perform a day's duty, anxious to be in at the close of the struggle, for which he was giving his best days; but he was reluctantly obliged to go to the hospital, at Alexandria, Va., where he died, July 9, 1864. His body was brought home and buried at the same time with that of Sergeant Charles E. Wood. The services were held in the Congregational church, and were conducted by Rev. J. M. R. Eaton. The church was filled with sympathizing friends. But few tearless eyes were seen as these brave, heroic boys were laid away to rest, their immortal spirits having already answered to the "roll-call" upon "the other side of the river." His age was 27 years, 2 months, and 20 days.

James Warren Ripley, son of Hugh N. and Lydia S. Ripley, was born in Litchfield, February, 27, 1842. He was a farmer by occupation; was mustered into Company D, Eleventh Regiment, August 29, 1862, for three years. He participated in all the battles of the regiment, and was with it during the Mississippi campaign, in 1863, where he contracted a disease which became so serious, that, on the arrival of the regiment from Mississippi, he was placed in the hospital, at Camp Nelson, Ky., where he died, February 2, 1864, aged 21 years, 11 months, and 10 days. His body was buried near the hospital. He was always ready when called for duty, and faithful in every duty required of him.

Winford L. Ripley, son of Hugh N. and Lydia S. Ripley, was born in Litchfield, October 3, 1843. He resided (as did his brother, who died in the Eleventh Regiment) several years in this town prior to his being mustered into Company E, Seventh Regiment, November 7, 1861, for three years. He was promoted to corporal, November 28, 1863;

to sergeant, December 27, 1864; and to orderly sergeant, May 19, 1865. He reënlisted, and was mustered the second time, February 28, 1864. At the close of the war the Seventh Regiment, save the reënlisted men, was mustered out of the service. Serg't Ripley was transferred to the Sixth Regiment, and remained with it until it was mustered out, in June, 1865. During the last year's campaign, he contracted a disease from which he never recovered. On his return home, he was able to perform only some light labor, and died, June 23, 1870, at the age of 26 years, 7 months, and 22 days. He won the confidence of his superior officers by his promptness and fidelity to duty.

William G. Wadsworth, son of Carleton and Mary Wadsworth, was born in Henniker, January 14, 1839. He remained at home, following the occupation of a farmer, until he was mustered into Company D, Eleventh Regiment, Aug. 29, 1862, for three years. He fought bravely at Fredericksburg, Va., December 13, 1862, but was shortly afterwards taken ill, and died in the regimental hospital at Falmouth, Va., January 12, 1863, at the age of 23 years, 11 months, and 28 days. His body was embalmed, brought home, and was buried by a large circle of sorrowing friends.

CHAPTER XVI.

MILLS AND MILL-OWNERS—BRIDGES AND BRIDGE-BUILDERS—POST-OFFICES AND POST-RIDERS—RAILROADS—COMMON—ACCIDENTS AND CASUALTIES—FIRES.

AS has been already stated, Jonathan Temple, who came to town from Marlboro', Mass., erected and set in operation the first saw-mill in the town in 1768. In 1766, Silas Barnes commenced a temporary dam across the river at what is now known as the lower mills, which was not completed until 1773, and erected a saw-mill in 1774. At a legal meeting of the town, held September 12th of that year, he asked the town to recognize his mill, and to give him the "mill right" of land to be granted the first builder of a mill within the township, which, for some reason, had not been given to Mr. Temple, although he received a certificate from the selectmen that his was the first saw-mill operated in town. The town did not see fit to grant Mr. Barnes's request. Leaving town before the war closed, he sold his mill to Capt. Timothy Gibson, who built a larger and better one, and put in a permanent dam across the river.

At the raising of this mill, there were present a large number of the citizens of the town. After the body of the building was raised, John Campbell, a son of Annas, a large, powerful man, missed his footing on one of the plates, and fell headlong to the ground; but otherwise than severely bruising him, no serious injury was inflicted.

At the building of the dam, James Rice, son of Elijah, a

lad of some six years, fell into the water, and would have been drowned but for the timely efforts of William Kimball, by whom he was rescued.

Mr. Gibson put in operation a grist-mill in connection with his saw-mill. Eben Howe, son of Peter, a saddler by trade, was the first miller in town. He lived in the house now occupied by Mrs. Nathaniel J. Noyes. Although this mill has often changed its ownership, it has almost constantly been kept running since the time of its completion. The chief owners have been, beside Barnes and Gibson, Daniel Kimball, Thomas M. Davis, Lieut. Joel Howe, Capt. James Yaulding, Micah Howe, Oliver Jacobs, Adams & Silver, and John Gutterson, who purchased the property in 1863, and erected the fine mill and dwelling-house, which he has since occupied, making for it a reputation not excelled by any in this part of the state.

About 1778, Uriah Amsden built a saw-mill at West Henninger, which stood where the paper-mill now is. At the close of the Revolution he added a grist-mill, which was the first of the kind in the township, and was largely patronized by the people of this and the neighboring towns.

The main road from Bradford at that time came down past Ephraim Goss's, thence straight to Amsden's mill, thence on out of the town over the hill near the present residence of Nathan Sawyer. This mill was afterwards owned by the brothers William L. and Imri Woods, who soon became owners of the clothing-mill of Mr. Sprague. These mills were in successful operation for upwards of three fourths of a century, Ammi Smith, of Hillsborough, being the last owner.

The manufacture of shoe-pegs, by George Arnold and by David Houston, was carried on extensively and successfully for quite a number of years, and until the timber from which they were manufactured became scarce, when the machinery was removed elsewhere.

Close by, Col. Imri Woods and his son, Imri N., erected

a mill for the manufacture of woollen cloths, about the year 1840. Quite an extensive business was done for several years, and the mill was in operation most of the time until it was burned. In the year 1850 the Messrs. Woods manufactured goods to the value of many thousands of dollars.

In 1863 Moses Cheney purchased the water-power, and upon the site of the woollen mill erected a large building, in which paper was manufactured by himself and his son most of the time until it was burned. The property was purchased in 1871 by the Contoocook Valley Paper Company, and the fine large mill owned by them was erected in that year.

The first mill for dressing cloth was built at West Henniker by the Amsden Brothers, shortly after the grist-mill was erected. Timothy Sprague soon became its owner, and operated it for several years. In this mill, in 1805, George Little, of Hillsborough, put in operation the first carding-machine: this was soon disposed of, with the mill, to the Woods Brothers. Abel Baker was a partner of the Woods Brothers in 1819, '20. After disposing of his property at West Henniker, Mr. Sprague erected a clothing and carding mill near the lower mills, and on the present site of the kitt works. After operating the same for a while, he sold out the property to Samuel Morrison and Elisha Wood, who had been apprentices of the Woods Brothers. Several became owners in this and other clothing mills afterwards, among whom were Luther Harthorn, Shuthaleh Little, Silas Barnes, Sylvanus Sumner, Hiram M. Davis, Jacob Lancaster, and John Hill. Mr. Davis was the last owner, and converted his mill into a manufactory of powder-kegs about 1852, which business he prosecuted for several years, disposing of his property to Horace Gibson, who, with his partners, George S. W. Dow and William Abbott, manufactured a large amount of mackerel kitts yearly, which business is now carried on by Mr. Dow alone.

In the summer of 1818, the first dam was built across the

river, at the Centre, by Captain Robert M. Wallace. The same season he erected a grist-mill at the east end of the dam, which was completed in September. The mill was finished, and about half a bushel of grain had been taken for toll, when a burning brand was thrown into the mill, upon some shavings, and the building was quickly consumed. Mr. Wallace immediately erected another one, which was carried away by the great rise in the river Feb. 12, 1824. Mr. Wallace erected still another, which remained until it gave way for the fine mill now standing upon the site. Thomas Barnes was for a large number of years the obliging and excellent miller at this establishment. James Gibson and Jonathan Pressy were also faithful men in the mill. It has since been owned by Charles Courser, who greatly improved the property by his excellent mechanical skill; by Albin & Towle; by Judge Ira A. Eastman & Son; by Dillingham & Co., and the present owners.

Shortly after the grist-mill was erected, Captain Wallace built a saw-mill at the west end of the dam, which was kept in operation by different owners until it was burned. Moses Cheney & Son then purchased the property, and erected a small paper-mill upon it, and operated the same until disposed of to Dillingham & Co. Additions were made to the mill from time to time, and a large amount of paper was yearly manufactured, until it, too, was burned.

Early in the settlement of the town Oliver Edwards came from Weare and built a saw-mill, easterly from the present residence of George E. Barnes, and northerly from the foundation that was laid for the first saw-mill within the township. Mr. Edwards's mill was the prominent one of the town for several years, the planking for the first bridge across the Contocook having been sawed at this mill.

Joseph Amsden built a little mill on the Ammi brook, a few rods north-westerly from the present residence of the Mirick sisters. Joseph Eager afterwards owned it, and put

in a stone to grind corn. Capt. James Connor was afterwards the owner of this and the Edwards mill, for a large number of years.

About the commencement of the present century, Bela Butler erected a saw-mill in the south-western part of the town, near the last bend in the river before reaching the covered bridge upon the Hillsborough road. The road passes over where was once the canal in which the water was conveyed to operate his mill. Mr. Butler did quite an extensive business here for several years.

About the close of the Revolution, Capt. Aaron Adams erected a small saw-mill on the brook in a north-easterly direction from the present residence of Robert J. Clark. Wm. Eastman was at one time owner of this mill. He carried on the business of currier and tanner of leather farther below.

A small mill was also built, at the close of the Revolution, near the mouth of Black brook, in the south-east part of the town.

Eliphalet Colby also erected one in the north-east part of the town, which was operated for upwards of half a century.

Shortly after the commencement of the present century, Moses Brown and David Gove erected a linseed-oil mill, in the south part of the town, where at one time quite a large amount of oil was manufactured. The raising of flax having ceased, this mill was converted into a saw-, grist-, and threshing-mill, for which purpose it is still used.

About 1825, Calvin Goss and Levi Barnes erected a saw-mill and dwelling-house on the Ammi brook on the main road leading to Bradford, a short distance above the junction of the road leading to Mink hills. These mills were shortly after destroyed by fire.

Among the more prominent millers not before named, have been Nathan Blanchard, Leonard Wood, Joshua Silver, James Gibson, Jonathan Pressy, William Livingston, David

S. Carr, Albert W. Barnes, Fitz E. Courser, A. P. Nichols, and Imri W. Gove.

BRIDGES.

We have elsewhere given an account of the first bridge that was built across the river, which was at the centre of the town. In 1785, the water-power at West Henniker began to be improved by the Amsden Brothers, Uriah and Joseph. A bridge was thrown across the river by private individuals, for the accommodation of people upon the south side of the river. At a meeting of the town, held March, 1785, the town voted to build a bridge near the Amsden mills. This bridge was built after the model of the one that had been built at the Centre. The bridge was repaired in 1792, and at other times as it needed. At the annual meeting in 1833 an effort was made to rebuild it, but the matter being left discretionary with the selectmen, nothing was accomplished.

In 1834, Mr. Horace Childs built a covered bridge at this point. This was what was called "Long's patent," and was the first one of its kind built in town. This was carried away in 1852 by the ice knocking down one of the piers. It was rebuilt the same year by Frederick Whitney, and is still standing.

A bridge was built across the river, near the lower mills, by private enterprise, about 1786, and was kept in repair by the different owners of the mill, for their own and the public's convenience, until 1797, when the mills having again changed hands, and Daniel Kimball having become the proprietor, he applied to the town for assistance in repairing the bridge. This the town voted to do, to a small extent. In 1805, Messrs. Adams & Silver having come into possession of the mills, an attempt was made to have the town assume control of the bridge, and keep it in repair. This the town refused to do. Thomas Davis came into possession of them in 1807, and the town voted to give \$75 towards repairing

the bridge. For twenty years the bridge was repaired by the different owners of the mill, with a little help from the town. In 1827, Lieut. Joel Howe, then owner of the mills, requested the town to assist him in repairing the bridge, it having become unsafe for travel. The town, however, refused any assistance. Mr. Howe being determined to have the matter of the ownership of the bridge decided, again brought the matter before the town in 1828, when the town voted to instruct the selectmen to procure the advice of some able attorney as to the liability of the town in regard to the bridge, and, if liable, to make such repairs as they thought expedient and best. The selectmen made no report of their efforts to obtain the advice of counsel, but repaired the bridge, and the town continued to do so partially until 1843, when an article was placed in the warrant for the annual meeting, to see if the town would vote to rebuild the bridge at the lower mills. At this meeting Jonas Wallace, Jacob Rice, and Rufus Sawyer were chosen a committee to consult with the selectmen upon the best plan for building a bridge. Before any action had been taken by this committee, another meeting was held, August 15, the same year, at which meeting, on motion of Robert Wallace, the selectmen were instructed to consult some competent authority, and ascertain whether the bridge belonged to the town or not. The selectmen made a report to an adjourned meeting, four days after, that they had taken counsel, whose opinion was as follows :

That although there is no record to be found that ever there was a road laid across said river, the Counsel decides as follows, viz., Upon examination I am satisfied that the town of Henniker, by its votes and acts, has adopted the road and Bridge near Howe's mills, in said town, and made it a public highway, and of course is bound to maintain and keep the same in repair.

Thus, after a dispute for upwards of fifty years, was the question decided. The covered bridge, still standing, was built by Horace Childs in 1843.

STONE BRIDGE.

At a meeting of the town, held Nov. 5, 1832, the selectmen were instructed to "make such inquiry, and obtain such information in regard to building a stone arch over the river, as will enable them to report to the town at the next annual meeting, the expediency of building the same with stone."

This was the first move made for building a stone bridge with two arches, there having been as yet no such a structure, it is said, in the state. So many bridges had been damaged or carried away by ice and high water, the town was becoming determined to have something better, if possible, than a wooden bridge. The selectmen, at the next annual meeting, made a report upon the matter, but made no recommendations, preferring to leave the whole subject for the consideration of the town. After discussing the propriety of building a stone bridge, the town authorized the selectmen to employ an experienced engineer to examine and estimate the probable expense of building a stone bridge, and report to the town in the September following. James Haywood, of Lowell, Mass., was employed, who examined the matter thoroughly, and made a report to the town at the time designated, which report the town accepted. [There is no record of his report.]

At the same meeting it was voted "that Dr. Moses Long be invited into the meeting-house, and exhibit his models of wooden bridges."

The bridge being unsafe for travel, the selectmen were instructed to make the necessary repairs, and all action in regard to a new bridge was postponed. A portion of the people were for building a stone bridge, while others thought it could not be done with safety.

At the annual meeting in 1834 the selectmen were authorized to receive proposals for rebuilding the Centre bridge, of wood, stone, or both, and report to the town on

the first Monday of September following. At the time specified, the selectmen made their report, when they were again instructed as at the annual meeting, and to report to an adjourned meeting of the town in one month. They reported October 6, when the town voted to receive still farther proposals, and then the town

Voted, the Town of Henniker build a Stone Bridge across Contoocook River, near Col. Goulds store, provided, any man or men, shall within two weeks propose to the selectmen to build said Bridge at a sum not exceeding two thousand, seven hundred dollars, of such stone, width and height, as said selectmen shall direct.

Oliver Noyes, Joshua Darling, and Moses Brown were appointed a committee to advise and direct with the selectmen concerning the building of the bridge.

At a meeting of the town, held October 27, 1834, the selectmen and committee made the following report :

Resolved and voted, that it is expedient, and in our opinion, would be for the best interest of the Town of Henniker, to erect, or construct, a good, and permanent Stone Bridge across Contoocook River near where the old bridge now stands, Provided said Bridge can be safely constructed for a reasonable sum.

Resolved and voted, that the town of Henniker, now assembled in open meeting, will proceed forthwith to hear any proposals which may be offered by any person or persons, to construct a good and permanent Stone Bridge across Contoocook River as aforesaid, and upon the plan and the principles as hereafter reported by your Selectmen and Committee.

Voted to accept the report with alteration and amendment of the aforesaid Selectmen and Committee which is as follows—

We the undersigned, Selectmen and Committee appointed by said town to unite with the Selectmen in fixing upon a plan on which a Stone Bridge shall be built across Contoocook River, near Col. Daniel C. Goulds, Report in part, that the following principles and dimensions shall be observed in the Construction of said Bridge, and further detailed out and specified in any Contract which may be entered hereafter—The bridge shall consist of two Arches; one of forty five feet diameter at the base, and the other of forty two and one half feet, to be raised on two new abutments on each shore, near where the old ones now are, which must be nearly, or entirely removed.

They shall be built in perfect range with the Middle Pier, and of equal width; the outside Course shall all consist of large split Granite Stone laid up from the Pan or Solid Earth, with every other course of the same kind of split stone, laid ending, or crosswise, and the whole foundation upon which the Arches are to be raised, shall be of large split stone, and laid close, in a good and workmanlike manner.

All of said stone in the foundation upon which said Arches shall be raised, shall consist of large Stone, as aforesaid, not less than ten feet in length, and laid alternately endwise to the stream, and across-wise, and all to be laid in this manner up to the traveled path, and the outside of the remainder of said Abutments shall be of split Stones and tied together with headers not less than eight feet long, and put in through every other course, and the inside filled, and chinked well with small stones.

The Arches shall commence eight feet below the plank of the old bridge at the Middle Pier, and shall rise three feet above the plank of said old bridge. All the Arches shall commence on a perfect level. The heater of the middle pier, must be raised six feet above where it now is, and well dowelled together with round iron of one and a quarter inch diameter.

It is however understood, that the stones which are to be laid endwise, and crosswise, on the South Shore Abutments, are not to be ten feet where the large stone will not permit it, but as long as can be. The Stone of the Arches shall not be less than twenty inches wide at the bottom, nor less than eighteen at the top, and hammered or hewed on each side so as to come to a bearing, or rest, one upon another from end to end: the beveling of each stone should correspond with the Circle which the Arch is turned upon: each stone to be perfectly square at the end and laid so as to break joints, at least six inches. There shall be a tier of Stone on the top of the outer edges of the Bridge of eighteen inches square, and a Railing on the top of that tier Stone consisting of two other tier of Stone: they shall be eighteen inches at the bottom, and eight inches at the top, and hammered, so as to correspond and lay close together, and well dowelled together with one and a quarter inch round Iron, and laid so as to break joints; the two top stone aforesaid, shall be three feet high, making the whole railing three and a half feet high.

The Railing shall extend as far as the old one. The old Bridge shall be for the use of the Contractor, or Contractors, while building the Stone Bridge and then revert to the town.

The Contractor shall be under obligation to hire a Master Workman, who shall be competent and well understands the work of erecting Stone Bridges. The Bridge shall be completed on or before the first day of October eighteen hundred and

thirty-five. The Contractor shall have the privilege of occupying and using the old Bridge two months previous to the finishing the Bridge.

The Town of Henniker shall pay the Contractor, or Contractors, One thousand dollars when they shall commence laying the stone of said Bridge, and the remainder shall be paid when the Job shall be completed according to the tenor of the Contract, with interest for delay. On receiving the first payment, the Contractor shall give approved security for the thousand dollars.

Your Committee further report, that any amendments, or alterations, which the Superintendent, or Master Builder of said Bridge shall deem absolutely necessary, shall be made in the Committees report aforesaid. But it is distinctly understood that no Contractor, or Contractors, shall employ any Superintendent who is not fully acquainted with Building Stone Bridges, and who shall not come fully recommended as a man everyway competent to construct a permanent Stone Bridge.

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| Charles Barker, | | | | Joshua Darling | | |
| William K. Howe, | | | | Moses Brown | | |

Oliver Noyes, Esq., made a proposal to build the bridge, agreeably to the specifications, for the sum of \$2,845, which proposal was accepted by the town at the same meeting at which the above report was made. Upon considering the matter further, Mr. Noyes was of the opinion that the bridge could not be built for that sum; and he notified the selectmen and committee of that fact. When another meeting of the town was held, December 31st of the same year, Mr. Noyes stated that he could not fulfil his contract to build the bridge. The town instructed the selectmen to see what the damage would be in consequence of Mr. Noyes's not fulfilling his contract, and to report the same at the next annual meeting in March. The selectmen reported no damage assessed against Mr. Noyes. The town, at its annual meeting in March, 1835,

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized, and directed to contract with some person, or persons, to build and complete a good and permanent Stone Bridge, twenty four feet wide, across the river where Centre bridge now stands, provided such per-

son, or persons can be found who will build, and complete the same for a sum not exceeding Thirty five hundred dollars, in the following manner: viz: that the top of the Arches shall be three feet higher than the plank on the old bridge, the abutments to be raised with stone and gravel as high as the Arches, and suitable Stone or Iron railing to be placed on each side of the bridge, to extend as far as the Selectmen shall deem it necessary, and warrant the same to stand one year after its completion. Said bridge to be completed fit for travel on, or before the first of November 1835.

Such Contractor, or Contractors, shall be required to give good and sufficient bonds to the town for the fulfillment of said Contract.

The bridge was contracted by William Smith, who procured the services of Isaac C. Flanders, of Lowell, Mass., as engineer.

The stone were split in the quarry in the easterly part of the town, and were drawn by ox-teams. Quite a large number of hands were employed by Mr. Smith; and the bridge was ready for travel by the time specified in the contract. During the erection of the bridge, the travel, otherwise than on foot, crossed the river at the lower mills. A foot-bridge was laid close to the water on the east side of the bridge: this was also used in constructing the bridge.

A great deal of curiosity was manifested by the people of this and the neighboring towns as the work progressed; and numerous were the prophecies, that when the wooden arches were removed, the whole structure would fall with them. The bridge was completed, and the day set for driving out the key pins, which would let the wooden arches fall. Several hundred people assembled to witness this ceremony, some with anxious faces, but by far the larger part with a perfect confidence. At a given signal from Mr. Flanders, the two pins were driven out, and down came the wooden arches;—but the *bridge did not follow*. Its success was an assured fact, amidst the cheers of the assembled multitude. The “heater” of the bridge was repaired and made higher in a few years. No material damage was done to the bridge

until the severe freshet in the early spring of 1852, when the water forced its way around the north end of it, doing some damage to the stonework, and at one time threatening to sweep away the blacksmith shop at the end of the bridge, owned and occupied by David Cogswell. By the timely efforts of the citizens, the current was stopped. At a meeting of the town, held May 10, 1852, the selectmen were instructed to appoint some suitable person to superintend the repairs upon the structure; and during the season it was repaired as it now stands.

POST-OFFICE AND POST-RIDERS.

In 1811 a petition was sent to the proper authorities at Washington, asking that a post-office might be established in this town, that the people might be better accommodated with mail facilities. The application was successful, and in February, 1812, a post-office was established here, and Hon. Joshua Darling appointed post-master. Judge Darling then held the office of state senator, and being ineligible for the position of post-master while holding the former declined accepting the commission, and returned the same, with the recommendation that Isaac Rice be appointed. He was appointed, and in a short time received his commission, the whole affair being a surprise to him, as the matter had never been mentioned to him. Mr. Rice opened the post-office in Judge Darling's store, where Mrs. Nehemiah Colby's house now stands. Shortly after, it was moved into Edward Whitman's house,—the one his sons now live in,—where it remained until he removed it to his own house, where his son Hiram now resides.

A post-route was established by government in 1794, from "Concord to Henniker, thence to Hillsborough and to Charlestown No. 4," with the understanding that the people on the route should pay for carrying the mail. This they consented to do, and Jacob Smith was the first mail-carrier, making a trip from Concord to Charlestown and return,

weekly. He received as compensation \$50 a year. After the first year the government assumed the expense of carrying the mail. Mr. Smith carried the mail but a short time, when he was succeeded by John Philbrick, who carried the mail for twelve years, performing his duty very faithfully. Mr. Philbrick's post-horn began to sound when he reached the common upon the south side of the river, and stopping there to distribute his newspapers, which nearly all came outside of the mail, and his parcels, his horse always came on alone to Mr. Rice's, who received his mail and then fed the horse. On the return, the horn was sounded on the plain westerly from the village, and Mr. Rice had his mail ready for him on his arrival.

The postage at the time the post-office was established was twelve cents per ounce for letters, the distance being forty miles and under ; over forty and not exceeding ninety, fifteen cents; over ninety, and not exceeding 150, eighteen and three fourths cents; over 150, and not exceeding 300 miles, twenty-five and one half cents ; over 300, and not exceeding 500 miles, thirty-five cents ; over 500 miles, thirty-seven and one half cents. Newspapers, 100 miles and under, one cent ; over that distance, one and one half cents. Before the establishment of the post-office, all letters were received and sent from and through the post-offices at Concord and Amherst, and were brought to town by any one who saw fit to take them out, and also by the post-riders.

Mr. Rice was post-master until June, 1841, a period of twenty-nine years. He received his commission as post-master from Francis Granger, then postmaster-general, and was removed by his son, Francis Granger, then postmaster-general. Mr. Rice performed the duties of the office with his usual fidelity, and was ever ready to accommodate the public, whose servant he was.

The post-rider gave way to the stage-coach, and soon the mail-route was established to Amherst, and thence to Boston, the mail going down one day and returning the next.

The stage-coach gave way to the rail-car in 1850, by which the mails have been conveyed since.

Mr. Rice was succeeded in June, 1841, by Col. Robert B. Eaton, who removed it into his store, where it is now. He held the position until 1845, when James Straw was appointed, who moved it to his store, near the stone bridge. In 1852, Mr. Straw was elected to the legislature, and Horace Gibson succeeded him as post-master until January, 1855, when Hiram Bell was appointed, who moved it into the corner store. In a short time he resigned his commission, and John W. Morse was appointed, who held it until the spring of 1861, when Horace Gibson was again appointed. He held the position until he resigned in 1874, when Gawn Wilkins was appointed, who still retains the office.

POST-RIDERS.

Lieut. Francis Bowman, of this town, commenced about the beginning of the present century to be a post-rider, or carrier of letters, papers, and small parcels. There were but few letters sent in those days, and still fewer newspapers. Mr. Bowman established his route from this town to Amherst, then and for a long time the county-seat of Hillsborough county, to which this town belonged for sixty years. Here he deposited what letters he had entrusted to him, and also all deeds to be recorded, always carrying them in his saddle-bags, thrown over the horse's back. Then he filled his saddle-bags with the *Farmers' Cabinet*, which was about the only newspaper taken at that time in Henniker and the neighboring towns, secured what letters were in the post-office for this place, thence up through Dunbarton to Concord, taking the letters from the post-office there, thence to this town. Coming up on the south side of the river with his old gray mare, he commenced to blow his post-horn on the common, and distributed his letters, papers, and parcels as fast as he could; then went up to his house, where Alden Newman now resides, ate his dinner, and then hurried on to

Hillsborough, thence to Washington, then Bradford, and then home, making the trip weekly. Mr. Bowman was very prompt in all his transactions, and was a great favorite with the people. Not being able to labor hard upon his farm, he inaugurated this enterprise, and secured a comfortable living for a number of years. The first appearance of the *Farmers' Cabinet*, then, as now, printed at Amherst, in any number, was Dec. 16, 1805, brought by Mr. Bowman. Post-routes were established by the publishers of newspapers, and Mr. Bowman was appointed to distribute the *Cabinet* through the north part of Hillsborough county. Mr. Bowman paid for the papers at the office of publication, and ran his own risk of getting it from his customers. Some began to fall in arrears after awhile, and he published some pretty sharp "duns" to his customers, as the following will show :

Francis Bowman, Post Rider from Amherst through the north part of Hillsborough County, requests all those indebted to him for newspapers, &c., for more than six months standing, to make payment up to the date of the present paper. The arrangement he has made with the Printer, and his own pecuniary wants, render payment at this time indispensable; and he hopes that this earnest request will not be treated with indifference.

This was printed in the *Cabinet* of Dec. 20, 1808. A little less than one year from this date, or Oct. 23, 1809, he printed in the *Cabinet* the following :

Francis Bowman respectfully acquaints all those whom he has long and faithfully served as "the herald of a noisy world," with news from all nations "lumbering at his back," that the requirements of his other avocations, and the infirmities of age, have induced him shortly to relinquish the business of post-riding into other hands; and that he shall cease to "bear tidings" after the first Tuesday of November next. He presumes it will be *obvious to every one of his customers* for the *Farmers Cabinet*, how *necessary* it is for him to *require* of them an immediate settlement with the Printer.

His bills will be made out to that date and presented; and he confidently trusts that *not one* will be "found wanting" in the "*balance*" of the accounts.

Then the editor of the *Cabinet* says :

A trusty, faithful person is wanted like Lt. Bowman, to ride on the above route, (when he shall have ceased from his public labors, and retired to his farm, conscious of having performed his duty, and of meeting his reward,) through the towns of Bedford, Goffstown, Dunbarton, Hopkinton, Henniker, Warner, Bradford, Weare, &c. A large number of papers are circulated on this route, which, with the incidental business it affords, renders it a profitable undertaking to a person of punctuality, desirous of contracting for said route, who will meet with advantageous terms from
The Printer.

Aaron Ray was hired in place of Lieut. Bowman, and began riding November 14, 1809. He rode but a short time, then relinquished the contract, and Thomas Bartlett became the rider, who continued upon the route until stage-coaches were put upon the road, when it was given up.

July 23, 1811, Mr. Bartlett issued a message to his customers, which was full of good things. Party spirit was beginning to run high; and the *Cabinet*, being too outspoken to suit all classes, some of the old subscribers discontinued it. The following is an extract from this singular message :

I have executed the limited powers that I possess for the equal distribution of early and correct information among you.

Gentlemen, it is truly astonishing and alarming to me, to behold the embarrassments of the times; when I see some of those with whom I have been mostly connected in my concerns, and heretofore thought the most favorably of, falling into ruin, and in the greatest distress (and I fear I shall be in a sad dilemma when the printer calls for his pay for those papers I have delivered and gotten no pay for.)

Those of you who have paid me, punctually, are entitled to my thanks; and you, with those who will pay me for the past, are solicited to continue their patronage. My best wishes attend you, that you may have bountiful crops, satisfied minds, and hearts and hands ever ready and willing to pay the Printer.

Thomas Bartlett.

Mr. Bartlett was the last of the post-riders.

RAILROADS.

The first intimation of surveying and laying out a railroad in or through this town was at a meeting held at Windsor, Vt., September 5, 1835. The railroad fever had just begun to take root in this state: the Boston & Lowell road was built, and the line to Nashua, and thence to Concord, had been under consideration to such a degree that its building was assured. The people north of this town, reaching to Windsor, Vt., were seeking an outlet to Boston. The old stage route through this town from Windsor to Boston being considered the nearest and most direct, public attention was turned in the same direction when a railroad was contemplated. Three routes from Windsor to Boston were discussed at this meeting. One was through this town, to follow the old stage road through Weare and Amherst to Nashua, there to unite with the Nashua & Lowell road, then nearly completed. Another was through this town to Weare and Goffstown to the Merrimack river. Manchester had not yet been thought of; but it was designed to connect with the Concord Railroad about where that city now stands. The building of the Northern road upon one side, and the Sullivan following up the Connecticut river, gave the people above an outlet in two different directions; and all talk of a road through this place ceased for the time being.

In 1849 a road was built from Lawrence to Manchester. Public attention was once more turned in this direction for a road that should make a direct and more convenient line from the points above than was then offered by either the Northern or the Sullivan. The agitation in regard to the new road assumed shape in 1848, when a charter was obtained for a road, to be called "The New Hampshire Central Railroad," to run from Manchester through this town to Claremont, and thence to Windsor, Vt. Meetings were held at different places on the line of the projected road,

one of the largest being held in the Academy hall at this place, November 1, 1848. The meeting was addressed by several speakers, prominent among whom was Samuel H. Price, Esq., of Windsor, Vt., who was one of the most zealous friends of the road. So much of the stock for the building of the road had been secured by this time, that this meeting urged the necessity of putting the road under contract to this town from Manchester at the earliest practicable moment.

The survey of the road was commenced on the 17th of August, 1848. It was continued until a permanent location was made for it in this town; thence a preliminary survey was made from here to Claremont. In January, 1849, the road to this town was placed under contract. John T. Cahill contracted for the grading; John S. Dawson, Eliphalet Richards, and J. M. Batchelder & Co., for the masonry; and Horace Childs & Co., for the bridges. The road, when in running order, cost \$15,000 per mile. Hathaway & Spofford contracted to lay the iron on the track, and to take one half their pay in the stock of the road at par. The entire length of the road from Manchester, as surveyed, was $25\frac{1}{2}$ miles to Henniker, and from Henniker to Claremont, $37\frac{1}{2}$ miles,—making the whole distance $62\frac{3}{4}$ miles. The road was hurried to completion, being constructed in a substantial manner; and the first passenger car reached the “Central depot” in the village in the spring of 1850.

The road soon did a large amount of business, two passenger trains being run daily from here to Manchester. Envious of the road and its good prospects, should it go on to Claremont and Windsor, the Concord and Northern railroads combined to stop its going beyond this town. As a result of that combination, a road was pushed up through Warner to Bradford. That movement was an injury to this road. The managers of it became embarrassed, and the stockholders were called upon for an extra assessment. Finally, the road passed into the hands of Joseph A. Gilmore, superin-

tendent of the Concord road, and Robert N. Corning, a conductor upon the same road. They were the nominal owners, though it was supposed the Concord road stood behind them. Determined still further to cripple the business interests of Henniker, on the bright, beautiful *Sabbath morning* of October 31, 1858, Mr. Gilmore, with a swarm of hands, appeared in this town and commenced tearing up the rails and track. Before the sun went down, the track from this place to North Weare, a distance of seven miles, was torn up, and *one hundred thousand dollars* of the hard earnings of our people was forever lost. This was the most dastardly act ever perpetrated upon the citizens of this town. The most damning feature in connection with this affair was, that the very man who had ridden rough-shod over the good people of this town, and had taken from them their railroad, was afterwards a candidate for governor of this state, and the men whom he had injured felt obliged to give him their votes to elevate him to that position.

In 1871 a charter was obtained to again lay the rails between this town and North Weare, but nothing has as yet been done in the matter, and probably will not be, until the people upon the line of this road have justice done them, and a track shall be laid from here to Bradford, there to unite with the Sugar River Railroad to Claremont.

The first board of directors of the Central road were,—David Steele, of Goffstown ; Perry Richards, of Weare ; John S. Craig, of Henniker ; Moses Sawyer, of Weare ; and Samuel H. Price, of Windsor, Vt. The engineer was Francis Chase.

At the session of the legislature for 1848, on the 24th day of June, a railroad was chartered from Contoocook to Hillsborough Bridge, through this town, a distance of fourteen and a half miles, which was opened to this town in December, 1849, a short time before the New Hampshire Central, which has been in operation since that time. There is a large amount of business done upon the road, for a short

one, which has been a source of much profit to the road operating it.

COMMON.

At a town-meeting held Aug. 25, 1794, an article in the warrant was "to hear the report of a committee appointed at a former meeting to sell the centre lot." The committee at this meeting reported in favor of selling a part of the lot, and the town

Voted to have the common at the meeting-house consist of six acres.

The town also

Voted that the road running North and South on the centre lot and the road leading from the meeting-house easterly Shall Be four rods wide and the allowance land on said Lot Shall Be Excepted from Being Sold.

Capt. Joseph Gibson, Lt. Samuel Wadsworth, and Moses Connor were the committee. At this meeting the committee were empowered to sell the land in any manner they might think proper. They concluded to sell it by auction, and on the 17th of September following they advertised it for sale under the following regulations :

1st Said lot shall be struck of at the highest Bider.

2^d By the Acer 6^d per Bid.

3^d Any person Biding off said lot shall pay one Dollar within ten minits, or give good Security for the same, or the lot shall be set up again, he paying one Dollar for such Neglect.

4th The Dollar mentioned to be paid down shall be paid out of the first years Interest.

5th The Purchaser shall be entitled to a good deed within one week after the vendue, he procuring good Bondsmen for the payments.

6th The purchaser shall have one years pay Day.

7th In Case a Dispute arise Between Two or more Biders, which Bid first, the lot shall be set up again.

8th If any person Biding off said lot and agreeing to take a deed at the time appointed, in the fifth article, and refusing to comply, shall pay the cost of vendue.

9th The Principal is not to Be called for unless the purchasers ability is Disputed, then it lieth with the town to collect when they please, but the Interest to Be paid yearly without fail.

The sale took place Sept. 29, 1794.

A deed was given Nov. 19, 1794, for part of Lot No. 10, 7th Range, joining the graveyard. Jasper Temple was the purchaser. The deed was given in behalf of the town, by Joseph Gibson, Samuel Wadsworth, and Moses Connor. The last-named person did not sign the deed. Probably he was not present, a majority of the committee being sufficient.

ACCIDENTS AND CASUALTIES.

Nathan Reed, drowned in the river while crossing the same at the ford in the south-east part of the town, northerly from the present residence of Jonathan W. Dodge and son. The date of his death is not known, but it must have been very early in the settlement of the town, as his name appears fourth on the list of deaths from 1761 to 1775, which was kept by John Harthorn, son of Dea. Ebenezer Harthorn. He was drowned upon a terribly wild, stormy night, on his way from Hopkinton to reach the little settlement in Hillsborough.

John Arnold, killed by the falling of a tree while at work for Dea. Daniel Rice. No date given, but it was quite early in the settlement of the town, and appears the eleventh death in the township.

Nathan Parker, killed by a falling tree, near the brook southerly from the present residence of A. D. L. F. Connor. He was killed April 19, 1775, and tradition says that he came to this town a short time before from Lexington, Mass., to escape being drawn into the struggle which he saw was coming between the colonies and the mother country. If correct, it was a very singular circumstance that he should be killed upon the morning of the first skirmish for liberty.

William Peters, son of James, the first settler, killed by a

falling tree July 5, 1775, while at work felling trees for Lieut. Samuel Wadsworth, upon the farm now owned and occupied by Franklin Goss, and a little easterly from his present residence. Lieut. Wadsworth was at work with him at the time.

Dudley Ladd was drowned July 4, 1787, in the river in the easterly part of the town.

Jesse Ross was burned to death at the time his log house was burned, Dec. 17, 1785.

Esther Wood, daughter of Jonathan, was choked to death with a bean, Nov. 29, 1790.

Lucy Childs, daughter of Solomon, sen., was scalded to death, Feb. 12, 1790.

Child of Bela Butler, scalded to death, Jan. 7, 1798.

Edna Huse, daughter of John, scalded to death Sept. 23, 1799.

Nathan Blanchard, drowned in the river about half a mile easterly from the village, on the plain, Sept. 24, 1806.

Thomas Stuart, drowned Sept. 8, 1806, by falling from a raft of logs he was assisting in taking to the saw-mill of Bela Butler.

Child of Solomon Sanders, drowned in the river June 8, 1804, aged two years.

Aaron, son of Capt. Aaron Adams, aged 26 years, was drowned in Portsmouth, N. H., June 31, 1804. While bathing, he went beyond his depth, and as he could not swim, he sank and died before help could reach him.

Child of William Livingston, scalded to death in a tub of beer. No date given.

William Wallace, killed while blasting rocks, in 1809.

Thomas, son of Silas and Sally Whitcomb, scalded to death when quite young, by falling into a kettle of boiling water.

William Wallace cut his foot badly while at work in "Wallace swamp," from which he died very shortly after, on March 22, 1824.

Louisa, daughter of Capt. James Yaulding, burned to death Sept. 21, 1818. She fell into the fireplace, and although there was but little fire, she was so badly burned that she lived but a short time.

Elisha Webber broke his back at the raising of a barn upon the Gould Harriman place, and died shortly after.

Son of Abram Gove, killed by a cart falling upon him.

Carroll and Alexander Whitney, sons of Eleazer Whitney, drowned in the river one half mile south-easterly from the village, June 3, 1819, aged 9 and 11 years.

David W., son of David and Hannah Cogswell, scalded to death Dec. 28, 1821, by falling into a tub of boiling water, aged 2 years, 9 months, and 8 days.

Edward Hemphill, son of James and Ruth, was mortally injured by a premature explosion of a charge of powder while blasting rocks upon the new road from this town to Bradford, then building, Nov. 8, 1824. He received a fracture of the skull, from which he died, Nov. 22, 1824.

John Huse, aged 58 years, was found dead on the doorstep of the clothing-mill at West Henniker, Oct. 26, 1825.

Captain Benjamin Whitcomb received a fracture of the spine, and died Oct. 23, 1828.

Henry Thorndike, a tailor, living in this town, was drowned in "Howe's mill-pond" on Sabbath morning, July 1, 1827. He was seized with violent cramp while bathing, died immediately, and was buried that evening. Rev. Mr. Nye, Congregational clergyman of Claremont, then a representative in the legislature, preached in town that day for Mr. Scales. He attended the funeral, and in the course of his remarks said that his own observation confirmed the opinion that more people were drowned upon the Sabbath than on any other day.

William Baker, drowned in the little brook near John Chase's, June 24, 1829, aged 40 years.

Jonathan Hutton, killed June 14, 1837.

Paul Barnes, killed by falling from a hay-mow in Captain

Thomas Kirk's barn, where Moody Tucker now resides, July 20, 1827. Mr. Barnes and Mr. Kirk were unloading hay, and were conversing about a man who had been killed a short time before, in the same place, by falling from a hay-mow, when Mr. Barnes made a misstep, and slid down from the hay-mow, striking his feet so hard upon the floor as to injure him so severely internally that he died in one hour after.

Maria, daughter of Elisha Rice, scalded to death Oct. 29, 1827.

Esther, daughter of Widow Hephsebeth Kimball, burned by falling into the fire, and died April 6, 1834, aged 5 years.

Widow Joseph Plummer, drowned in the river, in the south-easterly part of the town, Sept. 12, 1842, aged 82 years.

John Gould, killed by falling down cellar stairs, March 29, 1845, aged 77 years.

John Rollins, son of Samuel, choked to death Feb. 1, 1846.

Widow John Smith, died Sept. 14, 1848, from the fracture of a thigh-bone, aged 90 years.

Patty R., wife of Asa Whitney, killed by a fall received in the barn, Jan. 6, 1850, aged 46 years.

John Carter, son of Cyrus, was drowned Aug. 30, 1851, in the brook, near John K. Connor's, aged 14 years.

George Davis, son of Hiram M., killed by the bursting of a swivel, Monday morning, July 5, 1852, aged 18 years.

Frank Page, son of John M., drowned in the river, in the south-east part of the town, July 25, 1858.

Amanda L., daughter of John G. Duston, burned to death with fluid, by her clothes taking fire from the breaking of a lamp, Feb. 5, 1866, aged 26 years.

John Ordway, broke his back at the raising of Abram Gove's barn.

A Frenchman, drowned in the river, in the south-east part of the town. His body was recovered by Squire Dow, from the bottom of the river, by diving.

Hannah, wife of Enoch Heath, died in a fainting fit June 27, 1851.

Charles, son of Alonzo R. and Nancy Flanders, drowned July 12, 1852, in the Ammi brook, near the bridge, close by the slaughter-house of Jacob S. Whitney. Was in bathing, and stepped into a deep hole. The body was rescued by Gilbert D. Gould, by diving. Several attempts were made before the body was recovered, as the water was very deep and cold.

David Chase, of Contoocook, was killed in the east part of the town, on the Frazer lot, Saturday, Jan. 11, 1873. He was struck on the head by a limb, felled to the ground, and lived but a few hours.

John D. Albin stepped accidentally into the corn-cracker of his grist-mill in October, 1869, crushing his leg so as to require amputation, from the effects of which he died the next day.

Sidney Felch, drowned in Long pond, July 15, 1874.

Child of Parker Patch, scalded to death Sept. 13, 1871.

David Osborne, a Friend, fell from a chair Jan. 15, 1873, and broke his left arm below the shoulder, besides injuring him internally, from which injuries he died, Jan. 19, 1873. He was aged 84 years. He had stepped into a chair to oil his clock, and, losing his balance, fell. He was a large-framed man, and was quite heavy.

A. M. Moore, killed by a falling tree, Jan. 22, 1875, in the easterly part of the town.

The following is copied from the *Farmers' Cabinet* of July 27, 1807:

On Saturday, the 11th inst., about four o'clock P. M., Mr. Joseph Noyes, of Hampstead, was found dead in the road (his horse standing by him) about two miles north of Henniker meeting-house. A coroner's inquest was summoned. The result of their inquiry was that he died of an epileptic fit, which was rendered highly probable by previous complaints where he dined and rested about three hours. He was in his 75th year. His funeral was attended by a large concourse of people, when

an ingenious, solemn, and pertinent discourse was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Sleights of Deering.

Mr. Noyes was a resident of Hampstead, this state, and was on his way to spend a few days with some friends in Warner.

Samuel M. Currier, drowned May 14, 1862, aged 56 years.

SUICIDES.

Ruth Stone, sister of Elijah, jumped into the river in 1818. She lived on the plain east of the village, where was formerly the barn belonging to D. W. Cogswell.

Mary Marsh, daughter of Joseph, hung herself Jan. 28, 1833, aged 47 years.

Levi C. Rice, son of Silas, hung himself Oct. 11, 1835, aged 29 years, in Parker Smith's cider-mill.

Richard Alley hung himself Nov. 25, 1836, aged 30 years, in Wm. Adams's sheep-barn.

Harriet Wood, daughter of Eli, hung herself Feb. 25, 1837, aged 22 years.

William Abbott hung himself in his shoemaker's shop, Dec. 12, 1840, aged 52 years.

Moses Morrill drowned himself in the river in Hillsborough.

Thomas Barnes hung himself in the Wallace grist-mill, which he had tended for a large number of years, Aug. 27, 1851, aged 48 years.

Maj. George Adams, son of Aaron, hung himself March 3, 1852, aged 56 years.

Alvin Whitman hung himself April 25, 1858, aged 70 years.

David L. Cogswell hung himself in the cider-mill on the place where Levi C. Newton now resides, Jan. 12, 1866, aged 68 years.

David Stevens hung himself to a tree near Mud pond, in the southerly part of the town, June 29, 1868, aged 61 years.

Mrs. Wm. Cheney hung herself.

Adam Stuart drowned himself in the river in the south-west part of the town, Sept. 17, 1839, aged 43 years.

Harrison M. Colby hung himself in his barn, July 1, 1870.

Solomon O. Hanson hung himself in his barn, March 15, 1871, aged 59 years.

Betsey D. Harwood drowned herself in the north-east part of the town, May 18, 1872.

Mrs. Lewis hung herself.

David W. Bowman cut his throat with a razor, Nov. 8, 1877.

BUILDINGS BURNED.

The log meeting-house was burned on or about the night of the Dark Day, May 19, 1780. It was supposed to have been set on fire, as some of the inhabitants wished to repair it, and another part wished to build a frame one.

Jesse Ross's log house, situated in a field now owned by F. T. Huntington, was burned December 17, 1785. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Joseph Amsden's house and barn were burned upon a Fast Day, near the close of the last century. The family were absent from home. These buildings stood near the present residence of Andrew D. Favor. Supposed incendiary.

Uriah Amsden's house was burned about the same time. This house stood easterly from the present residence of Cyrus R. Bacon. Supposed incendiary.

Capt. R. M. Wallace's grist-mill was burned Thursday night, September 16, 1819. Set on fire.

Daniel Campbell's blacksmith shop was burned, which stood near the Bickford place.

Matthias Heath's house, situated westerly of the present residence of S. W. Morrison, was burned near the commencement of this century.

Joshua Heath's house, situated on Craney hill, near the present residence of Ezra Chase, was burned in June, 1821.

Mr. Black's barn, situated on Craney hill, was burned in 1835. Struck by lightning.

Winthrop Chase's barn, on Craney hill, was burned in the summer of 1830. Everything was moved out of it, even a *duck* that was sitting.

Andrew Bancroft's house, situated above Cyrus Goss's, was burned, with all its contents.

Nathaniel Chase's house and barn, situated on Craney hill.

Ira Whitcomb's house and barn, situated on Craney hill.

John Gibson's house, situated where Mr. Courser now resides, was burned January 28, 1819, in the daytime. Origin of the fire unknown. A few articles, only, were saved from the house.

Joseph Welch's blacksmith shop, which stood where D. W. Cogswell's now stands.

The Congregational meeting-house, situated westerly from the present residence of Hiram Rice, was burned August 23, 1833. The following is taken from the *Farmers' Cabinet* of August 30, 1833 :

FIRE. The Congregational Meeting House in Henniker, together with a small Library belonging to the Sabbath School in that place, and the tier of sheds near the house, were destroyed by fire on the morning of the 23d inst. The fire was discovered about 3 o'clock, when the flames were ascending the tower of the Church inside, and in a few minutes the whole interior of the building was on fire: no attempt to save the building could be of any avail, and the efforts of the citizens were directed to the dwelling houses and barns adjoining, several of which, particularly the house of Mr. Isaac Rice, the Post Master, repeatedly took fire from the showers of cinders falling on the roof. The Meeting House was undergoing repairs, but no fire had been used in the building for months. It is supposed to have been set by an Incendiary.

Everything in the building was destroyed, including Bibles, hymn-books, the Communion service (six pieces), singing-books, a large bass viol, and quite a large amount of carpenters' tools, left in the building by the workmen. The repairs upon the building were nearly completed.

J. C. & A. Winship's tin shop, situated on the site of W. O. Folsom's residence, was burned during the night of Saturday, June 3, 1837. It is supposed to have been struck by lightning. One of the most terrific thunder-storms ever experienced in the town commenced just before dark on Saturday, and continued all night. The buildings were burned about midnight.

Jonathan Page's black house, situated easterly from the present residence of Rufus S. Howe, was burned in the summer of 1841. It was struck by lightning, about midnight. His oldest child was saved by taking him out of the second-story window. Nearly everything in the house was destroyed.

Nathaniel Clough's saw-mill, and a little house adjoining, situated on the Ammi brook, being the same that were built by Goss & Barnes, were burned in September, 1829, at the time the great fire swept down over the north part of the town.

Joseph Ray's cooper shop, situated in the woods southerly from the present residence of John O. Folsom, was burned in 1835.

Sylvanus Sumner's house, situated where George W. S. Dow now resides, was burned in 1838. Cause of the fire unknown.

Hiram M. Davis's house and barn, situated on the site of Mr. Sumner's house, were burned some time after. Cause unknown.

Levi Kemp's barn, situated where Fred. Rogers now resides, was burned while a husking-bee was going on in it.

Dickey & Andrews's dye-house at West Henniker.

School-house in District No. 8.

School-house in District No. 7.

School-house in District No. 4, January, 1834.

John Barker's blacksmith shop at West Henniker.

Darius Whitcomb's house and barn, situated on Craney hill. Cause unknown.

Hiram M. Davis's dye-house.

Phipps & Hubbard's tavern, on the south side of the river, where Thomas Brown now resides, was burned during the early spring of 1848. Cause of the fire unknown.

Thomas Pope's barn was struck by lightning and burned.

Col. Imri Wood's woollen factory, situated at West Henniker, was burned in November, 1861. Cause unknown.

David Houston's peg-works at West Henniker. Caught about the dye-house.

Edmund Mirick's shoemaker's shop, situated in the field northerly from D. W. Cogswell's blacksmith shop, was burned March 23, 1852. Supposed to have been set on fire.

Ammi Smith's grist- and saw-mill, situated at West Henniker, was burned in November, 1861. Caught from the burning of Col. Wood's factory.

Rufus S. Howe's barn, situated at the "Old Noyes stand," was burned April 23, 1860. Cause unknown.

Rufus S. Howe's saw- and cider-mill, situated on the road north-westerly from the "Old Noyes stand," was burned in July, 1861.

Milton Gregg's two houses, situated south-westerly from the stone house.

Samuel K. Gove's house and barn, situated in the south-easterly part of the town, easterly from the present residence of B. F. Kimball, was burned. Supposed to have been set on fire.

Mrs. Flynn's house, situated on the hill easterly from the village.

George Courser's saw-mill, situated on the former site of Messrs. Dillinghams' paper-mill, was burned July 4, 1861. Cause of fire unknown.

Harrison Morrill's barn was burned August 27, 1862. The origin of the fire is unknown. It was burned in the afternoon. The barn was one hundred feet in length and forty feet in width, and was full of hay. The wheat had been put in the day before, and was standing in the lean-to and about

the floor. A large crop of oats was ready to go in; and when the fire broke out, Mr. Morrill and his two hands were in the field, commencing to load them. Before the barn could be reached, it was a sheet of flame. There had been no fire about the building, and the doors were closed. One horse was burned in it. Through the most superhuman exertions, the house close by was saved. The loss was \$2,000; insured for \$300.

Thomas Brown's house, known as the Levi Colby house, in the north-westerly part of the town, was burned September, 4, 1862. Cause unknown.

Moses Cheney's paper-mill, at West Henniker, was burned February 8, 1869, during the night. Cause unknown.

Joseph B. Wood's house, in the west part of the town, was burned August 9, 1869, at 11 o'clock at night. Caught from a fire in a hog-house.

Thomas B. Adams's house, situated on the south side of Crancy hill, was burned in the daytime, August 14, 1872. Caught on the roof.

Lewis P. Hanson's buildings were burned April 26, 1873. Two sets of buildings were destroyed. The fire caught in a barn that stood above all the rest. Nothing but a little straw was in it. Not much was saved from the buildings. Cause unknown.

William E. Cogswell's tin shop was burned about midnight of April 29, 1873. An addition was being made to the building upon the east end. The fire, when first seen, was in that part, and in the old shop adjoining. Nothing but the town safe was saved, which was rescued from the ruins by keeping a stream of water playing upon it for hours. The covers of the books were somewhat warped, and some papers smoked; otherwise everything was in good condition. The Methodist parsonage, close by, and Mr. Cogswell's dwelling, were cleared of their contents, and were saved only by the most heroic efforts. Not a breath of wind was stirring, else the consequences might have been more direful.

The brick block belonging to J. & J. W. Morse was burned a little after midnight of February 15, 1876. The fire was first discovered in the rear basement of the ell of the building. The block and most of its contents were destroyed. The first story was occupied by D. R. Everett as a country store; the second story for the manufacture and storage of cigars. The third story was occupied by Aurora Lodge F. and A. Masons, and Woods Chapter, No. 14, Royal Arch Masons, who lost everything in their hall. A terrible storm of sleet was raging at the time, which, together with the almost superhuman efforts of the citizens, saved the adjoining buildings from destruction. The building was erected in 1826, by Jonas Wallace and J. Proctor Darling, at a cost of about \$2,000. One of the rooms in the second story had been occupied as a tailor's shop by Jesse Webster for thirty-eight years.

Dillingham & Co.'s paper-mill in the village was burned, with all its contents, April 22, 1876.

The buildings of Mrs. Oliver Colby, in the east part of the town, were burned March 7, 1877. Caught on the roof.

Buildings of George H. Farrar, at West Henniker, were burned July 25, 1877. The fire was set by children who were playing in the barn.

A house owned by Benjamin Colby, at the west end of the village, was burned June 22, 1878.

A barn belonging to George Colby, in the east part of the town, was burned July 21, 1878. Struck by lightning.

CHAPTER XVI.

POPULATION OF THE TOWN—MORTUARY RECORD—CENSUS TAKEN BY MR. SCALES—BURIAL-YARDS—NEW CEMETERY—AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF THE TOWN.

IN 1761 there was only one family in town, consisting of some half dozen persons. The first regular census was taken in 1775, when the population was found to be 367. In 1783 another was taken, and the population was found to be 749. I find that the enumeration was made by the selectmen in the fall of the year after the war closed. They made the following report :

Census of Henniker in 1783.

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|---|--------|
| No of White Inhabitants in the Town of Henniker | 745 |
| No of Blacks, | 4 |
| No of Dwelling Houses | 72 |
| No of Barns and other Buildings, | 80 |
| No of Acres of Land | 22,500 |

The above is a True Inventory of The Town of Henniker according To The Best of our Judgments.

Taken By Us,

James Joslyn } Select
Samuel Dunlap } Men.

Henniker October 1783.

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|-------------------------|------|
| Population in 1790..... | 1127 |
| “ 1800..... | 1476 |
| “ 1810..... | 1608 |
| “ 1820..... | 1900 |
| “ 1830..... | 1725 |

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| Population in 1835 (by Rev. Jacob Scales)..... | 1709 |
| “ 1840..... | 1715 |
| “ 1850..... | 1690 |
| “ 1860..... | 1500 |
| “ 1870..... | 1288 |

Mr. Scales says of the census taken by him, January 1, 1835, “that it showed there were at that time, three hundred dwelling houses, three hundred and twelve or fifteen families, and over seventeen hundred individuals of all ages.” He then says,—

They are now supplied with five good houses of public worship. The people are divided into Congregationalists, Methodists, Baptists, Friends, Universalists, and a considerable number, who perhaps have yet their form of religion to choose. In four houses, there is generally public worship every Sabbath and at other times. In the fifth (which belongs to the town) the Universalists meet from eight to twelve times during the year.

About one third of the inhabitants of all ages & both races, are supposed to favor the Congregational interest.

The Methodists, Baptists, and a very small society of Friends, receive the favor of more than one half of the other two thirds.

The rest are disposed to class themselves with the Universalists, or with those who have no partiality to any form of religion.

It is believed that two thirds of the inhabitants, whose health and age permits, assemble weekly with those who prize the Sabbath and sanctuary privileges, when they are not detained by some inconvenience.

Very few, if any, of those who attend constantly on the instructions, and the privileges of the gospel, can be numbered with the votaries of ardent spirit, or the slaves of beastly passions.

At that time there was one person over ninety years of age, and twelve over eighty.

Mr. Scales classed the inhabitants of the town religiously, as follows :

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|---|-----|
| Supposed to favor the Congregationalists, | 583 |
| “ “ Universalists, | 531 |

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|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Supposed to favor the Methodists, | 260 |
| “ “ Baptists, | 223 |
| “ “ Friends, | 112 |
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| Total, | 1709 |

The following are the statistics of the town in 1870, for which I am indebted to the marshal's report :

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|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Population under one year of age..... | 18 |
| “ between one and ten..... | 194 |
| “ “ ten and twenty..... | 256 |
| “ “ twenty and thirty..... | 179 |
| “ “ thirty and forty..... | 139 |
| “ “ forty and fifty..... | 172 |
| “ “ fifty and sixty..... | 127 |
| “ “ sixty and seventy..... | 110 |
| “ “ seventy and eighty..... | 65 |
| “ “ eighty and ninety..... | 27 |
| “ over ninety..... | 1 |
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| Total..... | 1288 |
| Number of dwellings..... | 317 |
| “ families..... | 325 |
| “ males..... | 621 |
| “ females..... | 667 |
| “ foreign-born males..... | 14 |
| “ “ females..... | 10 |

From the tables given, it will be seen that the largest increase in the population of the town, for any corresponding number of years, was between 1783 and 1790.

The population steadily increased until 1820. Then, like nearly or quite all the agricultural towns of the state, it began to decrease. This diminution may be attributed to several causes. Emigration to the then Western country, into the interior of New York, began to attract the attention of some of the population. Very soon after, manufacturing

places began to spring up, in which whole families found more remunerative employment, as they thought, than could be found upon the farms of the town. Quite a number of families moved to Manchester, this state, and to Lowell, Mass. Still, the town held its own remarkably well until 1850. Up to this time, but few farms had been abandoned. After this, large numbers of families, as well as young people, emigrated to the far West, and into the manufacturing centres. The young people left home, and the fathers and mothers, who had worked early and late to make comfortable homes for themselves and their families, finding themselves deserted by the children, and unable longer to till their farms, were obliged to dispose of them as best they could. In consequence of this, some of our best farms have been turned into pasturage.

The Proctor farm, situated upon Federal hill, is one of the most notable examples. This farm was at one time one of the very best in the town. Some thirty head of cattle, half a dozen horses, and a large number of sheep were usually wintered upon the farm, while the old mansion, with its huge-throated fireplace and spacious rooms, was redolent with generous hospitality and welcome cheer.

One entire school district, so long known as the "Colby district," has become depopulated, and the land turned into pasturage. One has only to travel through that district to see the immense amount of labor performed by the older settlers in that section, to make themselves and their children comfortable homes. Such large stocks of cattle as were kept upon the farms, and such unbounded generosity within the old dwellings! All have passed away. A large number of "cellar holes" are to be seen in various parts of the town, over which once stood pleasant homes. Many of these buildings have been taken down and converted to other purposes. It is hoped that the ebb-tide in the population has been reached, and that with the improved machinery upon the water-power of the town, and other branches

of industry which are at times springing up, together with the better disposition manifested to remain upon the farm instead of "going farther and faring worse," will again add to its population, and the town once more be prosperous. I am glad to note that many of the once abandoned farms are again taken up, and many new buildings are being erected.

MORTUARY RECORD.

Although the many monuments and the crowded mounds in the several burial-places of the town proclaim the fact that its "silent population" far outnumber its present living population, still statistics furnish conclusive proof that the pure air and water have been great promoters of longevity and health. From a historical sketch, written by Rev. Jacob Scales in 1838, we extract the following :

The town has been usually very healthy, and the average number of deaths has been about one to sixty inhabitants. Very many of the inhabitants have lived to more than eighty years, and some more than ninety. Industry and frugality appear to have been the leading traits in the character of every one who has, in this place, reached the age of ninety years.

Up to the time the above was written, no person residing in this town was known certainly to have reached the age of 100 years. Maj. Jeremiah Crocker (colored) died about this time, and was considered a centenarian, although there was no positive proof that such was the fact. Judging from facts and incidents of which he had so perfect a knowledge, he must undoubtedly have been nearly if not quite 100 years of age, and such fact is recorded upon the tombstone which was erected over his grave by his numerous friends.

Mrs. Hardy, who was a native of Rowley, Mass., and who resided near the foot of Craney hill, upon the north side, and who died in 1845, lived to the great age of 103 years and upwards. Through all her long days she was a vigorous and healthy woman, hardly ever knowing what it was to

be ill until near the close of her life. Born nineteen years before the first permanent settlement was made in this town, she saw the formation of these colonies into one independent nation. She was 23 years of age when the Revolution came on, and lived under the administration of *ten* presidents of this confederation. For nearly or quite half a century she lived upon the side of the hill where naught but the purest air could be breathed, which fact, coupled with her habits of life, which were simple and frugal, rounded out her days to a remarkable old age.

Mrs. Hemphill, who died in 1869, was a few months over 100 years of age at her death.

Previous to this century there is no record of deaths indicating the age of any person that died, save in a few instances, and those mostly of young people. The record within this century is not complete, but from that and other sources I find that since its commencement the following persons have died in this town, aged 90 years and upwards :

| Date of Death. | Name. | Age. |
|-----------------|--|------|
| Nov. 4, 1816. | Adam Willson..... | 94 |
| Dec. 25, 1826. | Ebenezer Harriman..... | 93 |
| Aug. 17, 1831. | Enoch Johnson..... | 93 |
| Aug. 2, 1841. | Ephraim Morrill..... | 98 |
| July 23, 1842. | Aphia Colby..... | 90 |
| Sept. 13, 1842. | Lieut. Samuel Wadsworth..... | 95 |
| March 29, 1845. | Elizabeth Kemp, widow of Levi..... | 93 |
| Sept. 2, 1845. | Sarah Wheeler..... | 95 |
| Sept. 19, 1847. | Nathaniel Chase..... | 94 |
| Sept. 4, 1848. | Widow John Smith..... | 90 |
| Sept. 13, 1849. | Betsey Stuart..... | 91 |
| May 7, 1850. | Widow Bickford..... | 93 |
| March 23, 1851. | Jennie D. Morrison..... | 90 |
| Dec. 28, 1852. | Mary Chase, wife of Nathaniel..... | 92 |
| Jan. 31, 1853. | William Morrison..... | 90 |
| Aug. 26, 1853. | James Morrison (blind from youth)..... | 92 |
| Sept. 14, 1854. | Widow Joseph Cheney..... | 92 |
| June 9, 1856. | Widow Betsey Morse..... | 90 |
| Jan. 3, 1857. | Widow Mary Gould..... | 98 |

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|-----------------|-------------------------|----|
| April 28, 1858. | Darius Whitcomb..... | 90 |
| Dec. 18, 1859. | Margaret A. Rice..... | 98 |
| March 8, 1861. | Widow Ruth Goss..... | 97 |
| Sept. 19, 1861. | Lydia Dinsmore..... | 92 |
| June 23, 1862. | Ephraim Dodge..... | 91 |
| Aug. 26, 1863. | Lettice Caldwell..... | 97 |
| May 11, 1867. | George Connor..... | 93 |
| June 11, 1869. | Hannah Connor..... | 92 |
| | William Livingston..... | 95 |

Moses Huse and his wife both lived to be considerably over 90 years of age.

As there is no record of the ages of the deceased for over half a century after the first settlement of the town, the exact number who lived to be 90 and upwards cannot be ascertained. It is probable that several died within that time over that age.

In addition to this number may be added Widow Lucy Morrill, who died April 4, 1875, aged over 94 years; Isaac Rice, May 11, 1876, almost 92; Jacob Rice, April 14, 1879, 92; Anna S. Pillsbury, July 8, 1879, 94.

It will be seen, by referring to the mortuary list, that a very large number have lived to be upwards of 80 years of age. These, added to those of whom there is no public record, leave no doubt but what at least 150 persons have lived to reach the age of 80 and over.

The whole number of deaths in this town, from its settlement until Jan. 1, 1880, as near as can be ascertained from public and private records, is as follows :

The record of deaths from 1761 until 1775 is set down at 19. This is not considered as an exact return, as it was kept by individuals instead of by the town, but it must be very nearly correct, as it is in about the same ratio that has existed in the town since a true record has been kept.

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|------------------------|----|
| From 1775 to 1785..... | 55 |
| 1785 to 1795..... | 94 |
| 1795 to 1800..... | 90 |
| 1800 to 1805..... | 73 |

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|------------------------|-------|
| From 1805 to 1810..... | 65 |
| 1810 to 1815..... | 95 |
| 1815 to 1819..... | 100 |
| 1819 to 1827..... | 158 |
| 1827 to 1838..... | 343 |
| 1838 to 1850..... | 253 |
| 1850 to 1860..... | 243 |
| 1860 to 1870..... | 227 |
| 1870 to 1880..... | 232 |
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Previous to 1838 the rate of mortality was about one to sixty of the population. The rate has varied but little since that date upon the average. Some years it has been quite large, in others correspondingly low.

I give the following table by years, as near as can be ascertained :

| | | | |
|------------------------|----|---------------------|----|
| From 1761 to 1775..... | 19 | | |
| Deaths in 1776..... | 7 | Deaths in 1796..... | 29 |
| 1777..... | 7 | 1797..... | 10 |
| 1778..... | 2 | 1798..... | 15 |
| 1779..... | 8 | 1799..... | 14 |
| 1780..... | 3 | 1800..... | 14 |
| 1781..... | 5 | 1801..... | 9 |
| 1782..... | 5 | 1802..... | 15 |
| 1783..... | 13 | 1803..... | 18 |
| 1784..... | 5 | 1804..... | 22 |
| 1785..... | 6 | 1805..... | 13 |
| 1786..... | 3 | 1806..... | 11 |
| 1787..... | 11 | 1807..... | 17 |
| 1788..... | 4 | 1808..... | 18 |
| 1789..... | 10 | 1809..... | 10 |
| 1790..... | 15 | 1810..... | 12 |
| 1791..... | 5 | 1811..... | 14 |
| 1792..... | 8 | 1812..... | 18 |
| 1793..... | 8 | 1813..... | 17 |
| 1794..... | 19 | 1814..... | 20 |
| 1795..... | 8 | 1815..... | 23 |

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|----------------------|----|---------------------|----|
| Deaths in 1816 | 43 | Deaths in 1848..... | 21 |
| 1817..... | 21 | 1849..... | 22 |
| 1818..... | 19 | 1850..... | 28 |
| 1819..... | 19 | 1851..... | 16 |
| 1820..... | 19 | 1852..... | 26 |
| 1821..... | 15 | 1853..... | 32 |
| 1822..... | 16 | 1854..... | 25 |
| 1823..... | 20 | 1855..... | 21 |
| 1824..... | 16 | 1856..... | 24 |
| 1825..... | 26 | 1857..... | 24 |
| 1826..... | 27 | 1858..... | 19 |
| 1827..... | 31 | 1859..... | 28 |
| 1828..... | 25 | 1860..... | 20 |
| 1829..... | 38 | 1861..... | 20 |
| 1830..... | 13 | 1862..... | 17 |
| 1831..... | 34 | 1863..... | 38 |
| 1832..... | 33 | 1864..... | 32 |
| 1833..... | 31 | 1865..... | 25 |
| 1834..... | 25 | 1866..... | 19 |
| 1835..... | 20 | 1867..... | 22 |
| 1836..... | 33 | 1868..... | 17 |
| 1837..... | 36 | 1869..... | 18 |
| 1838..... | 25 | 1870..... | 20 |
| 1839..... | 19 | 1871..... | 17 |
| 1840..... | 13 | 1872..... | 30 |
| 1841..... | 20 | 1873..... | 21 |
| 1842..... | 29 | 1874..... | 20 |
| 1843..... | 23 | 1875..... | 26 |
| 1844..... | 14 | 1876..... | 25 |
| 1845..... | 20 | 1877..... | 25 |
| 1846..... | 22 | 1878..... | 23 |
| 1847..... | 24 | 1879..... | 25 |

This table shows the average number of deaths per year, since 1775, to be *twenty-five*. The largest number of deaths was in 1816, and the lowest in 1778.

For the following table, embracing a period of twelve years, from 1827 to 1838, inclusive, I am indebted to the late Rev. Jacob Scales, who prepared the same in 1838.

This table shows the number of deaths between each decade of years, and I find the same to be the average rate of

mortality for the whole number of years since the settlement of the town.

| Years. | Under 1 year. | 1 to 10. | 10 to 20. | 20 to 30. | 30 to 40. | 40 to 50. | 50 to 60. | 60 to 70. | 70 to 80. | 80 to 90. | 90 to 100. | Total. |
|-----------|---------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|--------|
| 1827..... | 4 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 31 |
| 1828..... | 7 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 25 |
| 1829..... | 9 | 14 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 38 |
| 1830..... | 3 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 13 |
| 1831..... | 2 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 34 |
| 1832..... | 6 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 33 |
| 1833..... | 4 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 31 |
| 1834..... | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 25 |
| 1835..... | 8 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 19 |
| 1836..... | 5 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 34 |
| 1837..... | 4 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 36 |
| 1838..... | 4 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 24 |
| | 60 | 65 | 28 | 35 | 22 | 30 | 21 | 20 | 28 | 31 | 3 | 343 |

More than one third of the deaths in the above table were under ten years of age, and more than one half were under thirty years of age.

This record, as a whole, speaks well for the healthfulness of the town. Purer air and better water are nowhere to be found within the borders of the state. Contagious diseases rarely prevail, and the town has ever been considered by the medical fraternity one of the healthiest in the state. The most fatal disease ever known in the town was the "spotted fever," in 1815 and 1816.

For three or four years previous to this time the more northern states had witnessed the rise of a very singular disease, of an eruptive nature, which was called by the physicians the "Spotted fever" or "Cold plague." It was quite fatal in many places, sometimes nearly the whole of the family becoming its victims. The first indication of an attack was, generally, a sudden pain in some of the extremities,

spreading rapidly over the system, often terminating fatally in twenty-four hours, and in some instances in a much less time. It was not generally considered very contagious, as it raged fearfully in some places, while other towns that had unrestrained intercourse with such places almost entirely escaped. The physicians were at a loss at first as to the treatment needed. Sweating to a great extent was resorted to, by warm blankets and blocks of wood. This soon gave way to a milder treatment, although the disease was a difficult one to understand and to master.

This town suffered severely by the disease, as the record will show. A great many persons were attacked with it, and a large number died. Many a family in affliction kept the midnight light gleaming from their windows, giving notice to the passer-by that sorrow was in their household, and that the hearts of the inmates were sad and gloomy, for death was doing its dread work in their homes.

From November 10, 1815, to May 10, 1816, a period of six months, there were forty-three deaths in this town, mostly from this disease. Some families suffered most severely.

Mrs. Pearsons, wife of Capt. Parker Pearsons, and two of her daughters, together with Gideon Haynes and two of his children, died in one house in about one month.

Widow Gould's son Gilbert died November 14, 1815, having been ill but sixteen hours. One of the bearers at his funeral was a young man by the name of Edward Bowman. Two days after the funeral he was attacked with the same disease, and died in four days.

The family of Samuel M. Smith, who lived on the plain easterly from the village, was sorely afflicted. Mrs. Smith and several of her children died. One son, Josiah, recovered from the attack, but was ever after deaf and dumb. He will be remembered as living in the westerly part of the town, near the Hillsborough line, for a number of years, where his widow, who became deaf and dumb from the same disease, resided. They had one son, John, who became a member

of Company D, Eleventh Regiment, in the late civil war. He was killed at Fredericksburg, Va., December 13, 1862, being the first soldier killed in the regiment. Mr. Smith was killed a few years since by the cars running over him, near the crossing below the late residence of Alvah Merrill.

The wife and a son of Dr. William Dinsmore were among its victims.

One of the largest families in town was that of Joseph Marsh, which consisted at one time of *fifteen children*. Mrs. Marsh was attacked with the disease, and died. Five of her children had died previous to the breaking out of this disease. At the time of her death, several of the children were sick, mostly with the measles; and out of that large family only Mr. Marsh and four children were able to follow the wife and mother to the grave. Most truly was that family stricken in sadness and in sorrow!

The disease was pronounced by the physicians of this and the neighboring towns as a "sporadic nondescript," previously unknown; and, as such, it baffled their skill, and proved very fatal.

It will be seen that the whole number of deaths in the town, from its first settlement until 1879, has reached the number of 2,028. This aggregate, together with the large number that have been brought to town for burial, will make fully 2,400 persons buried in the several graveyards of the town, or nearly twice the number of the living population at the beginning of the year 1871.

BURIAL-YARDS.

The first action of the town in regard to a burial-yard was taken at a meeting held March 26, 1770, when it was

Voted that the burying place shall be upon the Senter lot.

Voted, that Josiar Ward, Ezra Tucker, Silas Barns is a Committee to look out the spot of ground to bury the Dead in.

Voted, that Josiar Ward should Dig the graves this year.

This committee selected the spot where is now the burial-yard near A. D. L. F. Connor's. This was the first one in town. Mr. Ward was the nearest settler to it, and was made the sexton.

This was the only burial-place for many years. In it lie a large number of the early settlers of the town. The graves of many are known by the tablets at their heads, while many others have nothing to indicate the place where they lie. But few persons are now buried in it: only those who have friends interred there, and who wish their remains to lie with them in the peaceful, historic old burial-ground.

In a few years a burial-yard was established in the south-east part of the town, and Amos Gould was chosen sexton. A large number of the old settlers are buried there, as that portion of the town contained more of them than any other part of it. Among them was Oliver Noyes, Esq. The following is the epitaph upon his tombstone:

He served his country in the war of the Revolution, was strictly democratic in principle, industrious in his habits. Universal in hope and faith, a good citizen, a kind father, and worthy pattern that his posterity ought to remember and follow.

Upon the tombstone of Dr. Amos Whitney, who died in 1802, aged 33 years, is the following:

The sprightly form, the active limb,
Is conquered by the tyrants grim—
Genius and learning, worth and parts,
Must yield to his relentless darts.

Upon the tablet of a little daughter of Joseph Gibson, aged 9 years, is the following:

Cropt in the bloom by deaths behest,
God called me home, he knew twas best.

This yard, like the one first named, is used but little save by those who live in its vicinity.

A yard was established in the south-westerly part of

the town after the Revolution. Ebenezer Harriman was chosen the first sexton. Many of the old settlers in that part of the town lie buried there. It is but little used now.

A yard was also established in the north-easterly part of the town. Nicholas Colby was appointed the first sexton. Like the other old grounds, it contains many of the bodies of the early settlers in its neighborhood. It is but little used at the present time.

At the annual meeting held in March, 1809, the town voted "to establish a new burying ground near the old meeting house, and to give Mr. Phinehas Campbell twenty dollars for an acre of land on the west side of the Common for a burying ground."

At a meeting held May 25th of the same year, the town voted "to purchase two acres of land of Mr. Phinehas Campbell, lying west of the old Meeting House, for a Burying Yard, and to sell the two acres of land lying west of the burying ground." The last-mentioned two acres were on the hill west of that burying-ground. The yard was established; and Phinehas Campbell was chosen the first sexton, at the annual meeting in March, 1810. The first person laid there was John Dodge, a lad of twelve years, who died May 3, 1810, and who was probably buried in a day or two after.

It is estimated that over twelve hundred persons are buried in this crowded yard. Here lie, largely, the men who did business at the centre of the town for upwards of half a century, together with their families, in many instances. A considerable number are still buried annually in the yard; and there is great need that it should be enlarged and otherwise cared for by the town.

The Friends have a cemetery near their meeting-house in the south part of the town, in which lie buried many of their number. The little head- and foot-stones in this yard are in keeping with the plain yet beautiful principles of their creed.

THE NEW CEMETERY.

A strong effort was made in 1862 to enlarge the old burial-yard at the centre of the town, by adding to it a portion of the common lying immediately west of the old town-house. Serious objection was made to appropriating any of the town's common for that purpose. The town deciding not to enlarge the yard, several individuals, in the spring of 1863, conceived the idea of establishing a cemetery and having it under the control of individuals incorporating themselves together for that purpose under the name of the "Henniker Cemetery Association," and purchased of Luther H. Whitcomb four acres of land "to be forever used as a burying-ground." The first officers of the association were Jeremiah Foster, president; George W. Rice, vice-president; William O. Folsom, clerk; James Straw, treasurer.

June 9, 1863, the present plan of avenues and lots was accepted, and improvements immediately began to be made. At a meeting held March 30, 1872, the executive committee were authorized to construct a receiving-tomb, to be for the use and convenience of those owning lots in the new cemetery, and to be located where said committee shall think best, and to be forever under the control of the members of the Cemetery Association. The executive committee were Horace Childs, Robert C. Hale, and Harrison A. Rice, who at once proceeded to construct a very roomy and substantial one near the entrance to the cemetery. The members of the association are never to exceed thirty in number.

AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES.

As an agricultural town, Henniker is not inferior to any town in Merrimack county, either in soil or cultivation. Many of the farms are under a high state of cultivation, and yield abundant crops.

This is the good word that is said of Henniker by Mr. A. J. Fogg, in his lately published gazetteer of this state; and

the words are true, for there are really but few towns in the state that can show more thrift and prosperity than Heniker. The most improved implements of husbandry are used upon many of the farms.

Like all other agricultural towns of this state, not enough of the stable productions of life, however, are raised for home consumption. With the decrease in the number of farms under cultivation, of course comes the decrease in the amount of productions. Rye was at one time a great crop in the town. Enough is now generally raised for home consumption, because not so much is used as formerly. Rye and Indian bread is not found upon the table as plentifully as it used to be years ago, though a great deal is used yet. Many hundreds of barrels of flour are annually sold in town, and many thousands of bushels of corn likewise. The increased interest, however, which is being made manifest in the cultivation of these cereals, bids fair to lessen largely the amounts annually imported. Oats are raised in sufficient quantities generally to supply the demand of the town. Beans are largely raised, enough usually for home demand. Pease are raised mostly for a green crop, though used to some extent when dried. Potatoes are generally an abundant crop, and large quantities are annually exported. More attention is being paid to root crops, and but few cellars are found in the autumn without their stock of beets, carrots, turnips, and mangel-wurtzels, which are fed largely to the stock.

More attention is paid, however, to the raising of hay than any other crop. Upon the raising of stock the farmer largely depends for the profits from his farm. Hay of most excellent quality is raised upon our hills and in our valleys, in great abundance ; and this brings us to the most important agricultural industry of the farm,—the raising of stock.

Much attention has been given in late years to the improvement of the stock kept upon the farm. Several of our leading farmers have expended a great deal of time and

money in this direction ; and this interest is more or less attended to by nearly our entire farming community. The Durhams, the Devons, the Dutch, the Jerseys, and other breeds have been introduced, much to the benefit of all. Large numbers of fine beef cattle are annually disposed of. The amount of superior butter that finds its way annually to market is very large, and is eagerly sought for. But little cheese is made, for sale, the imported article being much used. Butter is more profitable, and always commands a ready price.

Swine have also been much improved in breed ; and our people take great pleasure in vying with each other in the weight of their hogs and pigs. A hog that will not reach the weight of four hundred pounds, and a pig three hundred pounds, are hardly considered worth the raising. A large quantity of superior pork is annually sold. Prices for the same vary with different years ; but, as a general average, it is as profitable for the farmer to raise, with the same amount of capital invested, as beef cattle.

Not as much attention has been paid to the breeding of the *horse*, as of other animals. Hardly enough are raised for the use of the town, so much more is he used than formerly. Some of our farmers are manifesting a good deal of interest in this branch of stock, though it is not general. The horse is superseding the ox upon many of our farms. In the olden times there was hardly a farmer of any extent who had not from one to three, and even more, large yokes of oxen almost constantly on hand. Not so many are now used. Large numbers are raised, worked a little, and then turned in for beef : others never wear the yoke. With the many improved implements of husbandry now used upon the farm, not so much ox-teaming is needed as formerly ; consequently, upon a great many farms, the horse does the ploughing after the sward has been broken ; does the harrowing, the hauling of the manure, the hauling in of the hay and other crops of the autumn, runs the mowing-

machine, and does the carriage-work for the family besides.

Sheep are raised to some extent, but not so much as formerly. Some excellent flocks, however, pasture upon the hills in the summer, and are well provided for in the winter. Their greatest enemy, the mischievous dog, has greatly lessened the interest in this branch of stock.

BEES.

Considerable attention has been paid by a few of our farmers to the raising of bees for their honey, which always commands a large price. S. W. Carter, upon his farm in the west part of the town, has successfully introduced the Italian bee, which is considered superior to all others. Mr. Carter is a "bee man" by nature, and takes great pains to improve his stock, in which enterprise he finds himself amply rewarded. N. J. Noyes was also very successful in his treatment of the bee, thoroughly understanding the ways of these intelligent insects,—

“ Which gather honey all the day
From every opening flower.”

Many others are taking much interest in them.

FRUIT.

Coëval with the settlement of the township were the preparing of the ground and the planting of the orchard. Soon large quantities of cider began to be made. Upon many farms one hundred or more barrels were made yearly. The larger part of this was consumed by the family, and disposed of by the generous farmer to his friends and neighbors, who dropped in at his home to spend a social hour. Grafted fruit was then unknown. The selling of a bushel of apples in the olden times was a thing rarely heard of.

Abel Connor was one of the first to turn his attention to the raising of fruit for market, an enterprise in which he was pecuniarily successful. It gave him much pleasure to

watch the general interest that began to be taken in the raising of fruit.

Many of the old orchards were renovated by grafting upon their stocks new and improved kinds of fruit. Others were cut down, and their places supplied with younger and more vigorous trees. To such an extent was this done, that our hillsides and our valleys are dotted all over with fine, thrifty orchards, the trees of which furnish some of the best fruit to be found in the state. To such an extent is this business prosecuted, it is estimated that in 1872 at least *four thousand barrels* of grafted fruit was raised within the township, and at least *twenty-five hundred barrels* of cider was made from the products of these orchards,—the whole amounting, at the very low prices of that year, to at least \$9,000.

The soil of the town is well adapted to the raising of fruit. Pears are raised to quite an extent, mostly dwarf; but, being of short duration, as a general thing not much encouragement is had to increase the production. Some standards are grown, which prove more hardy than any other species of this fruit. Plums, cherries, currants, and other small fruits are raised in abundance. The winters of our climate are too severe to make the raising of the peach a profitable business, although large quantities are grown.

During the civil war, and immediately at its close, prices of all kinds of fruit ruled high, but in later years a downward tendency has been the rule. Still it is a question worthy the attention of our farming community, whether anything can be raised upon the farm that will be of any more profit, in proportion to the expense incurred, than are the products of the orchard, even at low prices. With careful attention in pruning and manuring the trees, and in the gathering of the fruit, an orchard will last many years.

As a matter of great interest to all, we give the following table of the farming industry of the town, compiled from the census of 1870. The following is the valuation of the town, including all interests :

| | |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Real estate..... | \$688,414.00 |
| Personal property..... | 482,773.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total..... | \$1,171,187.00 |

Number of Bushels of Grain and other Farm Products.

| | |
|------------------------------|--------|
| Bushels of corn..... | 11,150 |
| “ wheat..... | 1,952 |
| “ rye..... | 394 |
| “ oats..... | 3,115 |
| “ potatoes..... | 16,424 |
| “ Beans and pease..... | 161 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total number of bushels..... | 33,196 |

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|----------------------------|-------|
| Pounds of wool raised..... | 4,027 |
| “ maple sugar..... | 3,080 |
| Tons of hay..... | 4,040 |
| Gallons of milk sold..... | 645 |
| “ molasses made..... | 17 |

Stock.

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| Number of cows..... | 599 |
| “ oxen..... | 266 |
| “ sheep..... | 1,008 |
| “ cattle other than cows and oxen..... | 1,240 |
| “ swine..... | 310 |
| “ horses..... | 258 |
| Valuation of live stock..... | \$113,860.00 |
| Value of productions, and addition to stock..... | \$138,817.00 |
| Value of manufactured articles of the town..... | \$102,262.00 |

To these statistics we add the following from Fogg's "Gazeteer," and which were prepared by the writer hereof for that work :

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|---|--------------|
| Productions of the soil, annually..... | \$149,877.00 |
| Mechanical labor..... | 38,400.00 |
| Stocks, bonds, and money at interest..... | 35,140.00 |
| Deposits in savings banks in 1874..... | 177,376.00 |
| Stock in trade..... | 10,500.00 |
| From summer tourists..... | 3,000.00 |

These may be called the resources of the town, which is certainly a good showing. The census for 1880 will show a marked increase in our productions.

Churches and Schools.

Congregational—members, 150; value of church, \$5,000.

Methodist—members, 100; value of church, \$3,000.

Friends—members, 25; value of church, \$1,000.

Amount annually appropriated for schooling, \$1,508.70.

Twelve public schools; average length, 23 weeks per year.

CHAPTER XVII.

GRADUATES—PHYSICIANS—CLERGYMEN—LAWYERS—SEX-
TONS—CLERGYMEN AND MISSIONARIES—JUSTICES OF
THE PEACE—REPRESENTATIVES—TOWN CLERKS—
TREASURERS—MODERATORS—COLLECTORS—SELECT-
MEN—VOTES.

GRADUATES.

I GIVE a list of graduates from this town as full as I have been able to make it. As these names are mentioned in the Genealogical Register, I make no note of the persons here. The same is true of physicians and others.

| Names. | Graduated. | Where. | Died. | Age. |
|---------------------|------------|------------|-------|------|
| Tillius Howe, | 1783. | Dartmouth. | 1830. | 80 |
| Elisha Morrill, | 1799. | “ | 1853. | 78 |
| Benjamin Darling, | 1811. | “ | 1824. | 36 |
| David C. Proctor, | 1818. | “ | 1865. | 71 |
| Jacob C. Goss, | 1820. | “ | 1860. | 66 |
| Aaron Foster, | 1822. | “ | | |
| Nathaniel B. Baker, | 1839. | Harvard. | | |
| Josiah Pillsbury, | 1840. | Dartmouth. | | |
| Gilbert Pillsbury, | 1841. | “ | | |
| William Wood, | 1842. | “ | | |
| Socrates Smith, | 1842. | “ | | |
| James W. Patterson, | 1848. | “ | | |
| Henry E. Sawyer, | 1851. | “ | | |
| Nathan F. Carter, | 1853. | “ | | |
| Edward P. Scales, | 1855. | “ | | |
| Thomas L. Sanborn, | 1858. | “ | | |
| William B. Fisher, | 3 yrs. | “ | | |
| Frank B. Modica, | 1865. | “ | | |
| Robert M. Wallace, | 1867. | “ | | |

| Names. | Graduated. | Where. |
|--------------------|------------|-----------|
| Solomon Ward, | | Union. |
| Timothy Darling, | | Yale. |
| Augustus W. Berry, | 1851. | Amherst. |
| Addison P. Foster, | 1863. | Williams. |
| Oliver Gould. | | |

PHYSICIANS.

One of the earliest resident physicians of the town was Dr. George Morgan, but where he came from, or how long he lived here, cannot be ascertained. He resided in the south part of the town. Following him were Dr. Roberts, John Hunter, Amos Whitney, John Clements, Thomas Eaton, William Dinsmore, Jacob Whitcomb, Thomas D. Brooks, Daniel Hough, Zadok Bowman, Dr. Cook, Paschal P. Brooks, John Stafford, Dr. Barnard, Dr. Johnson, Solomon Ward, Dr. Tubbs, Nathan Sanborn, Jacob Straw, Israel P. Chase, John Hurd, Dr. Gaylord, Wesley W. Wilkins, George W. Cook, Leonard W. Peabody, W. H. Hackett, George H. Sanborn.

Physicians, natives, and residents settled elsewhere: Isaac Proctor, Josiah Brown, Jonas Colby, Enos Hoyt, Thomas S. Scales, Daniel A. Johnson, John Watkins, Milton Berry, Edward P. Scales, Mary Wadsworth, Ermina H. Pollard.

Clergymen who have preached in the old meeting-house, not previously mentioned:

| | | | |
|--------------------------|------|------------------------|------|
| Job Wright..... | 1801 | Abraham Gates..... | 1810 |
| Phinehas Johnson | 1802 | Mr. Haywood..... | 1810 |
| William Sleigh..... | 1802 | Stephen Blanchard..... | 1810 |
| Thomas Cochran..... | 1802 | Edward Evans..... | 1811 |
| Aaron Foster..... | 1802 | Tillius Howe..... | 1811 |
| Nathaniel Pillsbury..... | 1804 | Benj. Sawyer..... | 1811 |
| Jonathan Gilmore..... | 1804 | Dexter Bates..... | 1813 |
| Mr. Briggs..... | 1806 | Solomon Howe..... | 1813 |
| John Colby..... | 1806 | David L. Morrill..... | |
| Wm. Harlow..... | 1807 | A. A. Miner..... | |
| Edward L. Parker | 1808 | Adin Ballou..... | |
| Abraham Randall..... | 1808 | | |

These clergymen were of different denominations, mostly Congregationalists and Universalists.

HOTEL-KEEPERS.

The following list includes those who were licensed to keep a "tavern," which in some instances allowed the sale of intoxicating liquors for a short time only:

Oliver Noyes kept one of the first taverns, on Noyes hill, in 1792; John Goodenow, same year, where Mr. Martin resides—afterwards sold to Nathaniel Noyes, who was so long and favorably known as a hotel-keeper; Daniel Whitman, 1793, on Foster hill; Joseph Amsden, 1794, resided on the Sprague place, above West Henniker; Joshua Darling, 1794, where Mrs. Jonas Wallace now resides; James Wallace, 1805, built a portion of the hotel in the village; Carlos Gould was afterwards connected with the same hotel; John C. Proctor, 1806, on Proctor or Federal hill; John S. Bartlett, 1821, where George W. Rice resides; Asa Kimball; Page Eaton, 1824, where Frank B. Modica resides; Thomas Kirk, where Moody Tucker resides; Daniel Goodenow, 1830, in the hotel in the village, sold in 1833 to James Rice, who sold in 1837-'38 to Hiram Bell; A. P. Greenleaf, 1855; Paul Morrill, 1858; Thomas Tucker, 1860; Paul Morrill, 1862-'63; John S. Craig, 1868; John Muzzey, 1872; Oliver H. Noyes, present owner. Perley Howe erected the hotel that stood where Thomas Brown resides, in 1828; was opened to the public 1828-'29; he sold the same shortly after to Mr. Chase, and he to David Parsons, who disposed of it to Capt. Jesse Warde, he to Daniel Kirk, who without opening it disposed of it to Maurice Sargent, and he to Messrs. Phipps and Hubbard, who were the last landlords in it. Lewis Tuttle occupied it as a boarding-house at the time it was burned, in the winter of 1848.

LAWYERS.

John Kelley, Artemas Rogers, Samuel Smith, Lewis Smith, John J. Prentiss, Timothy Darling, E. B. S. Sanborn, Warren Clark, John H. Albin.

CLERGYMEN.

The following natives or residents have become clergymen, or wives of ministers and missionaries :

Tillius Howe, David C. Proctor, Solomon Ward, Timothy Darling, Jacob C. Goss, Parker Pillsbury, Stephen Whitaker, Joshua Colby, Silas Gove, Aaron Foster, Josiah Hill, Nathan Page, William Wood, Socrates Smith, James W. Patterson, Nathan F. Carter, Addison Childs, Richard T. Searle, Addison P. Foster, Elizabeth (Darling) Ballantine, Cassandra (Sawyer) Lockwood, Mary (Wadsworth) Bassian, Emma (Sanborn) McQuestion, Caroline S. (Wadsworth) Haley.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

The first justice of the peace commissioned in this town was Capt. Timothy Gibson. By a law of the province each town was requested to recommend the person they wished for a justice. At a legal meeting, held in the log meeting-house March 24, 1776, it was

Voted to recomend Timothy Gibson to the Ginerall Assembly for a Justis of the Peace.

He received his commission shortly after. Previous to this all official business requiring the services of a justice was done by some one out of the town, mostly by Rev. James Scales, of Hopkinton.

The following is nearly or quite a full list of those who have been commissioned as justices, and the dates of their first commission :

| | | | |
|---------------------------|------|--------------------------|------|
| Robert Wallace..... | 1780 | Harris Campbell..... | 1854 |
| Jonas Bowman..... | 1780 | John C. Campbell..... | 1854 |
| Joseph Patterson..... | 1781 | John L. Colby..... | 1855 |
| David Clough..... | 1781 | Oliver C. Fisher..... | 1855 |
| William Wallace..... | 1790 | Hiram M. Davis..... | 1857 |
| Aaron Greely..... | 1790 | James Straw..... | 1857 |
| Joshua Darling..... | 1799 | James Sargent..... | 1857 |
| Oliver Noyes..... | 1803 | Francis Colby..... | 1858 |
| David Howe..... | 1804 | Lyman Harriman..... | 1858 |
| Nathaniel Noyes..... | 1808 | Zadok Duston..... | 1858 |
| Samuel Willson..... | 1808 | William F. Savory..... | 1859 |
| John C. Proctor..... | 1813 | James W. Sargent..... | 1859 |
| William L. Woods..... | 1814 | E. B. S. Sanborn..... | 1860 |
| Enoch Darling..... | 1814 | Lewis Colby..... | 1862 |
| Samuel Bartlett.... | 1819 | D. Warren Cogswell..... | 1862 |
| Robert M. Wallace..... | 1819 | David P. Perkins..... | 1863 |
| Artemas Rogers..... | 1820 | David L. Cogswell..... | 1863 |
| Page Eaton..... | 1824 | William H. Sawyer..... | 1863 |
| Moses Brown..... | 1825 | Horace Gibson..... | 1863 |
| Timothy Darling..... | 1827 | Josiah Morse..... | 1864 |
| Thomas Tucker..... | 1827 | Phinehas Clough..... | 1864 |
| Jacob Rice..... | 1828 | George L. Kimball..... | 1864 |
| Joshua Colby..... | 1829 | William H. Gilmore..... | 1864 |
| Samuel Smith..... | 1830 | Otis Cole..... | 1865 |
| James McCalley..... | 1831 | Squire M. Patten..... | 1866 |
| Isaac Rice..... | 1835 | William O. Folsom..... | 1867 |
| Jacob Straw..... | 1835 | James Fellows..... | 1867 |
| Imri Woods..... | 1835 | Nathan Sawyer..... | 1868 |
| John J. Prentiss..... | 1838 | James B. Gove..... | 1869 |
| Daniel C. Gould..... | 1839 | David S. Carr..... | 1871 |
| Lewis Smith..... | 1841 | John Chase..... | 1871 |
| David Tucker..... | 1841 | Henry F. Hill..... | 1872 |
| Parrott Marsh..... | 1842 | L. W. Peabody..... | 1873 |
| John S. Craig..... | 1842 | C. G. McAlpine..... | 1874 |
| Micah Howe..... | 1844 | Harrison Morrill..... | 1874 |
| Jeremiah Foster..... | 1846 | Oliver H. Noyes..... | 1874 |
| Zebulon Foster, Jr..... | 1846 | David K. Robbins..... | 1874 |
| Robert Wallace..... | 1846 | Freeman E. Colby..... | 1875 |
| Robert B. Eaton..... | 1846 | George H. Hardy..... | 1876 |
| Jonas Wallace..... | 1847 | Leander W. Cogswell..... | 1876 |
| John O. Folsom..... | 1847 | John H. Albin..... | 1877 |
| Titus V. Wadsworth..... | 1847 | Sam K. Page..... | 1877 |
| Hiram Bell..... | 1848 | Daniel R. Everett..... | 1877 |
| William P. Cressey..... | 1848 | John H. Hoffman..... | 1877 |
| Oliver Pillsbury, Jr..... | 1854 | | |

REPRESENTATIVES.

November 14, 1775, Henniker, Hillsborough, Deering, and Society Land (now Bennington) chose Capt. Joseph Simonds, of Hillsborough, as a representative. This was the first one the town ever voted for, having been classed with these towns for that purpose that year. Capt. Simonds was elected for one year, at the end of which Capt. Timothy Gibson, of Henniker, was chosen; then Capt. Simonds was again sent in 1778. Isaac Andrews, of Hillsborough, was elected for 1779; James McCalley, of Hillsborough, for 1780; Robert Alcock, of Deering, for 1781; Capt. Simonds, of Deering, for 1782.

December 16, 1782, the voters of this town and of Hillsborough met at the house of Ensign Elijah Rice, and chose Lieut. Robert Wallace representative for two years. He was again chosen, in 1784, for two years. In 1785, the voters of both towns elected Gen. Benjamin Pierce, of Hillsborough, representative for two years. William Wallace, of this town, was chosen for the next two years. Since that time the town has elected one or more representatives each year.

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|----------------------|------|------------------------|------|
| William Wallace..... | 1792 | John Smith..... | 1810 |
| Timothy Gibson..... | 1794 | “ “ | 1811 |
| Francis Bowman..... | 1795 | John Sawyer..... | 1812 |
| Timothy Gibson..... | 1796 | Oliver Noyes..... | 1813 |
| “ “ | 1797 | “ “ | 1814 |
| Aaron Adams..... | 1798 | “ “ | 1815 |
| “ “ | 1799 | Moses Brown..... | 1816 |
| Jonas Bowman..... | 1800 | “ “ | 1817 |
| “ “ | 1801 | “ “ | 1818 |
| “ “ | 1802 | “ “ | 1819 |
| Joshua Darling..... | 1803 | Robert M. Wallace..... | 1820 |
| “ “ | 1804 | Moses Brown..... | 1821 |
| “ “ | 1805 | Artemas Rogers..... | 1822 |
| “ “ | 1806 | “ “ | 1823 |
| “ “ | 1807 | Robert M. Wallace..... | 1824 |
| John Smith..... | 1808 | Moses Brown..... | 1825 |
| “ “ | 1809 | Enoch Darling..... | 1825 |

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| Robert M. Wallace..... | 1826 | Oliver C. Fisher..... | 1854 |
| Artemas Rogers..... | 1826 | “ “ | 1855 |
| Robert M. Wallace..... | 1827 | Alfred Winship..... | 1855 |
| Jacob Rice..... | 1828 | “ “ | 1856 |
| “ “ | 1829 | Nathan Sawyer..... | 1856 |
| Moses Brown..... | 1830 | “ “ | 1857 |
| “ “ | 1831 | Jeremiah Foster..... | 1857 |
| William L. Woods..... | 1832 | “ “ | 1858 |
| “ “ | 1833 | Jonas Wallace..... | 1858 |
| Moses Brown..... | 1834 | “ “ | 1859 |
| Imri Woods..... | 1835 | Oliver Pillsbury..... | 1859 |
| “ “ | 1836 | “ “ | 1860 |
| Jacob Straw..... | 1837 | Carleton S. Dodge..... | 1860 |
| “ “ | 1838 | “ “ | 1861 |
| Daniel C. Gould..... | 1839 | Cyrus Goss..... | 1861 |
| “ “ | 1840 | “ “ | 1862 |
| Parrott Marsh..... | 1841 | Israel P. Chase..... | 1862 |
| “ “ | 1842 | “ “ | 1863 |
| Micah Howe..... | 1843 | Zadok Duston..... | 1864 |
| “ “ | 1844 | “ “ | 1865 |
| Zebulon Foster, Jr..... | 1845 | Leander W. Cogswell..... | 1866 |
| John S. Craig..... | 1845 | “ “ | 1867 |
| “ “ | 1846 | George W. Rice..... | 1868 |
| “ “ | 1847 | “ “ | 1869 |
| “ “ | 1848 | Leander W. Cogswell..... | 1870 |
| John O. Folsom..... | 1848 | “ “ | 1871 |
| Imri Woods..... | 1849 | William E. Cogswell..... | 1872 |
| Nathan Sawyer..... | 1849 | “ “ | 1873 |
| Jacob Straw..... | 1850 | Oliver H. Noyes..... | 1874 |
| Titus V. Wadsworth..... | 1850 | “ “ | 1875 |
| “ “ | 1851 | Henry A. Emerson..... | 1876 |
| Lewis Smith..... | 1851 | Walter B. Barnes..... | 1876 |
| James Straw..... | 1852 | John H. Albin..... | 1877 |
| Oliver Pillsbury, Jr..... | 1852 | Harrison Morrill..... | 1877 |
| Harris Campbell..... | 1853 | Henry A. Emerson..... | 1878 |
| John S. Craig..... | 1853 | George W. S. Dow..... | 1879 |
| Harris Campbell..... | 1854 | | |

TOWN-CLERKS FROM 1768 TO 1875 INCLUSIVE.

| | | | |
|-----------------------|------|-------------------|------|
| Silas Barnes..... | 1768 | Silas Barnes..... | 1771 |
| Amos Gould..... | 1769 | “ “ | 1772 |
| William Presbury..... | 1770 | Aaron Adams..... | 1773 |

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|----------------------|------|----------------------|------|
| Aaron Adams..... | 1774 | Joshua Darling..... | 1817 |
| “ “ | 1775 | Imri Woods..... | 1818 |
| Timothy Gibson..... | 1776 | “ “ | 1819 |
| “ “ | 1777 | “ “ | 1820 |
| “ “ | 1778 | “ “ | 1821 |
| David Clough..... | 1779 | “ “ | 1822 |
| “ “ | 1780 | “ “ | 1823 |
| “ “ | 1781 | “ “ | 1824 |
| “ “ | 1782 | “ “ | 1825 |
| “ “ | 1783 | “ “ | 1826 |
| “ “ | 1784 | “ “ | 1827 |
| “ “ | 1785 | “ “ | 1828 |
| “ “ | 1786 | “ “ | 1829 |
| “ “ | 1787 | “ “ | 1830 |
| “ “ | 1788 | “ “ | 1831 |
| “ “ | 1789 | “ “ | 1832 |
| William Wallace..... | 1790 | “ “ | 1833 |
| “ “ | 1791 | Daniel C. Gould..... | 1834 |
| David Clough..... | 1792 | “ “ | 1835 |
| “ “ | 1793 | “ “ | 1836 |
| “ “ | 1794 | “ “ | 1837 |
| “ “ | 1795 | “ “ | 1838 |
| “ “ | 1796 | James Caldwell..... | 1839 |
| “ “ | 1797 | “ “ | 1840 |
| “ “ | 1798 | “ “ | 1841 |
| “ “ | 1799 | “ “ | 1842 |
| Joshua Darling..... | 1800 | “ “ | 1843 |
| “ “ | 1801 | “ “ | 1844 |
| “ “ | 1802 | “ “ | 1845 |
| “ “ | 1803 | “ “ | 1846 |
| “ “ | 1804 | “ “ | 1847 |
| “ “ | 1805 | “ “ | 1848 |
| “ “ | 1806 | “ “ | 1849 |
| “ “ | 1807 | “ “ | 1850 |
| “ “ | 1808 | “ “ | 1851 |
| John C. Proctor..... | 1809 | “ “ | 1852 |
| Joshua Darling..... | 1810 | “ “ | 1853 |
| “ “ | 1811 | “ “ | 1854 |
| “ “ | 1812 | Horace Gibson..... | 1855 |
| Isaac Rice..... | 1813 | “ “ | 1856 |
| Joshua Darling..... | 1814 | “ “ | 1857 |
| Isaac Rice..... | 1815 | “ “ | 1858 |
| Josiah Morse..... | 1816 | “ “ | 1859 |

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| Horace Gibson.....1860 | William E. Cogswell.....1869 |
| “ “1861 | “ “1870 |
| Hiram Marsh.....1862 | “ “1871 |
| (Resigned. Horace Gibson ap- pointed by the selectmen, from March, 1862, to March, 1863.) | “ “1872 |
| | “ “1873 |
| | “ “1874 |
| William E. Cogswell.....1863 | David S. Carr.....1875 |
| “ “1864 | “ “1876 |
| “ “1865 | George C. Preston.....1877 |
| “ “1866 | “ “1878 |
| “ “1867 | “ “1879 |
| “ “1868 | |

TREASURERS FROM 1771 TO 1875.

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Ebenezer Harthorn.....1771 | Jonas Wallace.....1852 |
| David Campbell.....1778 to 1788 | Horace Gibson.....1853 to 1862 |
| Rev. Jacob Rice.....1789 to 1790 | Josiah Morse.....1863 |
| Abel Connor.....1836-37 | William E. Cogswell, 1864 to 1875 |
| Jonas Wallace.....1838 | Frederick Whitney.....1876 |
| Hiram M. Davis.....1839 to 1844 | William O. Folsom.....1877-78 |
| James Straw.....1845 to 1850 | James Wilkins.....1879 |
| Horace Gibson.....1851 | |

MODERATORS OF ANNUAL MEETINGS.

| | |
|--|-------------------------|
| 1769. Ebenezer Gile. | 1785. Joseph Gibson. |
| 1770. Jonas Bowman. | 1786. Jonas Bowman. |
| 1771. Annas Campbell. | 1787. Jonas Bowman. |
| 1772. Ebenezer Gile. | 1788. Jonas Bowman. |
| 1773. Alexander Patterson. | 1789. Robert Wallace. |
| 1774. Joseph Kimball. (Record missing.) | 1790. Jonas Bowman. |
| 1775. Joseph Kimball. | 1791. Joseph Gibson. |
| 1776. Jonas Bowman. | 1792. Jonas Bowman. |
| 1777. Jonas Bowman. | 1793. Jonas Bowman. |
| 1778. Otis Howe. | 1794. Jonas Bowman. |
| 1779. Jonas Bowman. | 1795. William Wallace. |
| 1780. Robert Wallace. | 1796. Jonas Bowman. |
| 1781. Jonas Bowman. | 1797. Jonas Bowman. |
| 1782. Samuel Wadsworth. | 1798. Jonas Bowman. |
| 1783. Timothy Gibson. | 1799. Samuel Wadsworth. |
| 1784. Samuel Wadsworth. | 1800. Jonas Bowman. |
| | 1801. Samuel Wadsworth. |

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| 1802. William Wallace. | 1842. Jacob Straw. |
| 1803. Robert Wallace. | 1843. Jacob Straw. |
| 1804. Jonas Bowman. | 1844. Lewis Smith. |
| 1805. Jonas Bowman. | 1845. Lewis Smith. |
| 1806. Thomas Brown. | 1846. Lewis Smith. |
| 1807. William Wallace. | 1847. Imri Woods. |
| 1808. William Wallace. | 1848. John S. Craig. |
| 1809. William Wallace. | 1849. Jacob Straw. |
| 1810. William Wallace. | 1850. Jacob Straw. |
| 1811. Oliver Noyes. | 1851. Lewis Smith. |
| 1812. William Wallace. | 1852. Oliver Pillsbury, Jr. |
| 1813. Joshua Darling. | 1853. John S. Craig. |
| 1814. Joshua Darling. | 1854. Oliver Pillsbury, Jr. |
| 1815. Joshua Darling. | 1855. Oliver Pillsbury. |
| 1816. Joshua Darling. | 1856. Oliver Pillsbury. |
| 1817. Joshua Darling. | 1857. Oliver Pillsbury. |
| 1818. William Wallace. | 1858. Oliver Pillsbury. |
| 1819. Joshua Darling. | 1859. Oliver Pillsbury. |
| 1820. Artemas Rogers. | 1860. Oliver Pillsbury. |
| 1821. Artemas Rogers. | 1861. Oliver Pillsbury. |
| 1822. Artemas Rogers. | 1862. D. Warren Cogswell. |
| 1823. Joshua Darling. | 1863. D. Warren Cogswell. |
| 1824. Joshua Darling. | 1864. Oliver Pillsbury. |
| 1825. Enoch Darling. | 1865. Oliver Pillsbury. |
| 1826. Artemas Rogers. | 1866. Leander W. Cogswell. |
| 1827. Artemas Rogers. | 1867. Leander W. Cogswell. |
| 1828. Enoch Darling. | 1868. Leander W. Cogswell. |
| 1829. Moses Brown. | 1869. Leander W. Cogswell. |
| 1830. Moses Brown. | 1870. James Fellows. |
| 1831. Jacob Straw. | 1871. Leander W. Cogswell. |
| 1832. Jacob Straw. | 1872. Nathan Sawyer. |
| 1833. Moses Brown. | 1873. Hiram Rice. |
| 1834. Moses Brown. | 1874. Hiram Rice. |
| 1835. Moses Brown. | 1875. Hiram Rice. |
| 1836. Moses Brown. | 1876. Hiram Rice. |
| 1837. Moses Brown. | 1877. Sam K. Page. |
| 1838. Imri Woods. | 1878. Sam K. Page. |
| 1839. Imri Woods. | 1879. James Fellows. |
| 1840. Jacob Straw. | 1880. James Fellows. |
| 1841. Jacob Straw. | |

COLLECTORS.

Taxes were collected by the constables, of whom there were generally two, until the year 1789, when Timothy Gibson was appointed collector for the south side of the river. Eliphalet Colby was constable for the north side.

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| 1790. Jonas Bowman. | 1826. George Connor. |
| 1791. Aaron Adams. | 1827. Daniel Kirk. |
| 1792. Jonas Alexander. | 1828. Daniel Kirk. |
| 1793. Jonas Alexander. | 1829. Abel Connor. |
| 1794. Jonas Alexander. | 1830. Abel Connor. |
| 1795. John Goodenow. | 1831. Abel Conner. |
| 1796. John Goodenow. | 1832. Abel Connor. |
| 1797. William Wallace. | 1833. Abel Connor. |
| 1798. Benjamin Hoyt. | 1834. Abel Connor. |
| 1799. John Goodenow. | 1835. Abel Connor. |
| 1800. Jonas Alexander. | 1836. Abel Connor. |
| 1801. Samuel Wilson. | 1837. Wm. Cressey. |
| 1802. Samuel Wilson. | 1838. Wm. Cressey. |
| 1803. Bela Butler. | 1839. Wm. Cressey. |
| 1804. Bela Butler. | 1840. Abel Connor. |
| 1805. Oliver Noyes. | 1841. Thomas Kirk. |
| 1806. Jonathan Hoag. | 1842. Thomas Kirk. |
| 1807. Jonathan Gordon. | 1843. Frederick Whitney. |
| 1808. John Dodge. | 1844. Hiram M. Davis. |
| 1809. Abel Connor. | 1845. Wm. K. Plumer. |
| 1810. Jonathan Hoag. | 1846. Zadoc Duston, Jr. |
| 1811. Abel Connor. | 1847. Abel Connor. |
| 1812. Abel Connor. | 1848. William P. Cressey. |
| 1813. Wm. Cressey. | 1849. James P. Baker. |
| 1814. Abel Connor. | 1850. William K. Plumer. |
| 1815. Levi Kemp. | 1851. William P. Cressey |
| 1816. Abel Connor. | 1852. Alfred Winship. |
| 1817. Abel Connor. | 1853. Abel Connor. |
| 1818. Abel Connor. | 1854. Hiram M. Davis. |
| 1819. Abel Connor. | 1855. Hiram M. Davis. |
| 1820. Abel Connor. | 1856. James P. Baker. |
| 1821. Enoch Darling. | 1857. James P. Baker. |
| 1822. Abel Connor. | 1858. James P. Baker. |
| 1823. Wm. Cressey. | 1859. Oliver C. Fisher. |
| 1824. Joshua Colby. | 1860. Oliver C. Fisher. |
| 1825. George Connor. | 1861. Oliver C. Fisher. |

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| 1862. Oliver C. Fisher. | 1871. Harris W. Campbell. |
| 1863. Wm. P. Cressy. | 1872. Jeremiah Foster. |
| 1864. Daniel F. Wyman. | 1873. Jeremiah Foster. |
| 1865. Daniel F. Wyman. | 1874. Jeremiah Foster. |
| 1866. Daniel F. Wyman. | 1875. Enos T. Carter. |
| 1867. Daniel F. Wyman. | 1876. Enos T. Carter. |
| 1868. Daniel F. Wyman. | 1877. John L. Dodge. |
| 1869. Henry A. Fellows. | 1878. Charles W. Tucker. |
| 1870. Henry A. Fellows. | 1879. David S. Carr. |

SELECTMEN FROM 1768 TO 1879 INCLUSIVE.

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| 1768. | 1776. |
| Ebenezer Gile, William Presbury, Jonas Bowman. | Timothy Gibson, Lieut. Jonas Bowman, Samuel Wadsworth. |
| 1769. | 1777. |
| Ebenezer Gile, Eliakim Howe, Ebenezer Harthorn. | Lieut. Jonas Bowman, Samuel Wadsworth, Joshua Heath. |
| 1770. | 1778. |
| Jonas Bowman, William Presbury, Ezra Tucker. | Abel Gibson, Lieut. Goold, Otis How. |
| 1771. | 1779. |
| Amos Goold, Josiah Ward. | Lieut. Robert Wallace, Lieut. David Campbell, Thomas Townsend. |
| 1772. | 1780. |
| Alexander Patterson, William Powers, Silas Barnes. | Lieut. Robert Wallace, Lieut. David Campbell, Lieut. Amos Goold. |
| 1773. | 1781. |
| Alexander Patterson, Aaron Adams, Lieut. Jonas Bowman, Elijah Rice, James Joslyn. | Lieut. Robert Wallace, Thomas Townsend, Peter How. |
| 1774. | 1782. |
| Joseph Kimball, Esq., Aaron Adams, David Campbell. | David Clough, Samuel Wadsworth, Peter How, John Goodenow, Steven Adams. |
| 1775. | 1783. |
| Joseph Kimball, Aaron Adams, David Campbell. | Lieut. Robert Wallace, James Joslyn, Samuel Dunlap. |

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| 1784. | 1795. |
| Robert Wallace, | David Clough, |
| James Joslyn, | John Goodenow, |
| Samuel Dunlap. | Samuel Wadsworth. |
| 1785. | 1796. |
| Lieut. Robert Wallace, | David Clough, |
| James Joslyn, | Moses Adams, |
| David Campbell. | Joseph Gibson. |
| 1786. | 1797. |
| Capt. Aaron Adams, | Joseph Gibson, |
| Capt. Bowman, | Moses Adams, |
| Capt. Campbell. | Noah Rice. |
| 1787. | 1798. |
| Capt. Bowman, | John Goodenow, |
| Lieut. Francis Bowman, | William Wallace, |
| Capt. Joseph Gibson. | Moses Adams. |
| 1788. | 1799. |
| Robert Wallace, | Samuel Wadsworth, |
| Ephraim Goss, | Joseph Gibson, |
| Timothy Gibson. | Thaddeus Gibson. |
| 1789. | 1800. |
| Robert Wallace, | Moses Adams, |
| David Clough, | Noah Rice, |
| John Smith. | Jasper Temple. |
| 1790. | 1801. |
| Robert Wallace, | Moses Barns, |
| Joseph Gibson, | Noah Rice, |
| David Campbell. | Benjamin Gould. |
| 1791. | 1802. |
| Robert Wallace, | William Wallace, |
| Joseph Gibson, | James Wallace, |
| Daniel Whitman. | Samuel Willson. |
| 1792. | 1803. |
| David Clough, | Noah Rice, |
| Jonas Bowman, | James Wallace, |
| Francis Bowman. | Samuel Willson. |
| 1793. | 1804. |
| Jonas Bowman, | Noah Rice, |
| Francis Bowman, | Jasper Temple, |
| John Goodenow. | Oliver Noyes. |
| 1794. | 1805. |
| Jonas Bowman, | Jonas Bowman, |
| Daniel Whitman, | Joshua Darling, |
| Moses Adams. | Thomas Tucker. |

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| | 1806. | | 1817. |
| Joshua Darling, Noah Rice, James Wallace. | | Lewis Gibson, Isaac Rice, Benjamin Hoyt. | |
| | 1807. | | 1818. |
| Samuel Willson, Thomas Tucker, Charles Rice. | | Lewis Gibson, Isaac Rice, John Sawyer. | |
| | 1808. | | 1819. |
| Joshua Darling, Thomas Tucker, John Sawyer. | | Lewis Gibson, Moses Brown, Isaac Rice. | |
| | 1809. | | 1820. |
| William Wallace, John Sawyer, Samuel Bartlett. | | Robert M. Wallace, Jacob Rice, George Adams. | |
| | 1810. | | 1821. |
| William Wallace, John Sawyer, Samuel Bartlett. | | Robert M. Wallace, Jacob Rice, Lewis Gibson. | |
| | 1811. | | 1822. |
| William Wallace, John Sawyer, Nathaniel Noyes. | | Jacob Rice, Lewis Gibson, Moses Brown. | |
| | 1812. | | 1823. |
| William Wallace, John Sawyer, John C. Proctor. | | Jacob Rice, Moses Brown, Enoch Darling. | |
| | 1813. | | 1824. |
| Joshua Darling, William L. Woods, Moses Brown. | | Imri Woods, John Sawyer, Lewis Gibson. | |
| | 1814. | | 1825. |
| Oliver Noyes, William L. Woods, Moses Brown. | | Enoch Darling, Jacob Rice, Imri Woods. | |
| | 1815. | | 1826. |
| Oliver Noyes, William L. Woods, Moses Brown. | | Robert M. Wallace, Moses Brown, Artemas Rogers. | |
| | 1816. | | 1827. |
| Moses Brown, Lewis Gibson, Isaac Rice. | | Robert M. Wallace, Israel Adams, Micah Howe, Jr. | |

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| | 1828. | | 1839. |
| Isaac Rice, | | Imri Woods, | |
| Thomas Tucker, | | William Cressy, | |
| John Campbell. | | John S. Craig. | |
| | 1829. | | 1840. |
| Thomas Tucker, | | Robert Wallace, | |
| John Campbell, | | John S. Craig, | |
| Parrott Marsh. | | James McCalley. | |
| | 1830. | | 1841. |
| Isaac Rice, | | John S. Craig, | |
| John Campbell, | | Zebulon Foster, Jr., | |
| Parrott Marsh. | | David Tucker. | |
| | 1831. | | 1842. |
| Isaac Rice, | | Zebulon Foster, Jr., | |
| Parrott Marsh, | | David Tucker, | |
| Zebulon Foster, Jr. | | John C. Folsom. | |
| | 1832. | | 1843. |
| Moses Brown, | | David Tucker, | |
| Isaac Rice, | | John O. Folsom, | |
| Zebulon Foster, Jr. | | John S. Craig. | |
| | 1833. | | 1844. |
| Moses Brown, | | John O. Folsom, | |
| Thomas Tucker, | | Harris Campbell, | |
| John Campbell. | | Moody Tucker. | |
| | 1834. | | 1845. |
| Parrott Marsh, | | Harris Campbell, | |
| Charles Barker, | | Moody Tucker, | |
| William K. Howe. | | William Howe. | |
| | 1835. | | 1846. |
| Parrott Marsh, | | Jeremiah Foster, | |
| Charles Barker, | | Parrott Marsh, | |
| William K. Howe. | | Titus V. Wadsworth. | |
| | 1836. | | 1847. |
| Parrott Marsh, | | Titus V. Wadsworth, | |
| Charles Barker, | | John O. Folsom, | |
| William K. Howe. | | Frederick Whitney. | |
| | 1837. | | 1848. |
| Jacob Rice, | | Titus V. Wadsworth, | |
| John Campbell, | | Harris Campbell, | |
| Robert Wallace. | | William H. Sawyer. | |
| | 1838. | | 1849. |
| Robert Wallace, | | Frederick Whitney, | |
| John Campbell, | | Zebulon Foster, Jr., | |
| Zebulon Foster, Jr. | | Oliver Pillsbury, Jr. | |

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| 1850. | 1861. |
| Oliver Pillsbury, Jr., Lyman Harriman, George W. Cogswell. | Alonzo Patterson, Kendall Whitcomb, Eri Colby. |
| 1851. | 1862. |
| Harris Campbell, John L. Colby, Squire M. Patten. | Eri Colby, Jeremiah Foster, Nathan Sawyer. |
| 1852. | 1863. |
| Lyman Harriman, Carlton S. Dodge, Harrison A. Rice. | Nathan Sawyer, Harris Campbell, William O. Folsom. |
| 1853. | 1864. |
| Robert Wallace, Squire M. Patten, Eri Colby. | Nathan Sawyer, Moses F. Pillsbury, Jeremiah Foster. |
| 1854. | 1865. |
| Jeremiah Foster, Oliver Pillsbury, Jr., Eri Colby. | Nathan Sawyer, George W. Rice, James B. Brown. |
| 1855. | 1866. |
| Jeremiah Foster, Oliver Pillsbury, Jr., Eri Colby. | Nathan Sawyer, George W. Rice, Robert C. Hale. |
| 1856. | 1867. |
| Jeremiah Foster, Eri Colby, Joseph B. Colby. | George W. Rice, Robert C. Hale, Cyrus Goss. |
| 1857. | 1868. |
| Oliver Pillsbury, Joseph B. Colby, Zebulon Foster. | Eri Colby, Daniel M. Buxton, Harrison Morrill. |
| 1858. | 1869. |
| Oliver Pillsbury, Alexander W. Connor, Cyrus Goss. | George W. Rice, Nathan Sawyer, Harrison Morrill. |
| 1859. | 1870. |
| Jeremiah Foster, Cyrus Goss, Alonzo Patterson. | Nathan Sawyer, Robert D. Rice, Daniel M. Buxton. |
| 1860. | 1871. |
| Cyrus Goss, Alonzo Patterson, Kendall Whitcomb, | Robert D. Rice, Squire M. Patten, Lewis Colby. |

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| 1872. | 1876. |
| Harrison Morrill, Freeman E. Colby, James Wilkins. | Hiram Rice, Heman R. Patterson, John Chase. |
| 1873. | 1877. |
| Harrison Morrill, Freeman E. Colby, James Wilkins. | Squire M. Patten, Alden P. Farrar, Enos Carter. |
| 1874. | 1878. |
| Freeman E. Colby, James Wilkins, Asa P. Wiggin. | Squire M. Patten, Enos Carter, Heman R. Patterson. |
| 1875. | 1879. |
| Hiram Rice, Robert D. Rice, Henry W. Blaisdell. | Jonathan W. Dodge, Albert C. Clark, John Gage. |

VOTES FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.

The first vote was cast December 15, 1788.

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| Washington..... | 19 | Opposition..... | 10 |
| | | 1792. | |
| Washington..... | 16 | Opposition..... | 3 |
| | | 1795. | |
| Adams..... | 11 | Opposition..... | 5 |
| | | 1799. | |
| Jefferson..... | 21 | No opposition. | |
| | | 1804. | |
| Jefferson..... | 36 | Pinckney..... | 53 |
| | | 1808. | |
| Madison..... | 125 | Pinckney. | 69 |
| | | 1812. | |
| Madison..... | 161 | De Witt Clinton..... | 103 |
| | | 1816. | |
| Monroe..... | 167 | King..... | 90 |
| | | 1820. | |
| Monroe..... | 47 | No opposition. | |
| | | 1824. | |
| Adams..... | 60 | No opposition. | |

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| | 1828. | |
| Jackson..... | 212 | Adams..... 137 |
| | 1832. | |
| Jackson..... | 218 | Opposition..... 72 |
| | 1836. | |
| Van Buren..... | 162 | Opposition..... 12 |
| | 1840. | |
| Van Buren..... | 268 | Harrison..... 131 |
| Scattering..... | 3 | |
| | 1844. | |
| Polk..... | 206 | Clay..... 37 |
| Liberty ticket..... | 48 | |
| | 1848. | |
| Cass..... | 233 | Taylor..... 16 |
| Van Buren (Free Soil)..... | 72 | |
| | 1852. | |
| Pierce..... | 213 | Scott..... 24 |
| Liberty..... | 70 | |
| | 1856. | |
| Fremont..... | 209 | Buchanan..... 190 |
| | 1860. | |
| Lincoln..... | 204 | Douglas..... 130 |
| Breckenridge..... | 11 | |
| | 1864. | |
| Lincoln..... | 187 | McClellan..... 159 |
| | 1868. | |
| Grant..... | 190 | Seymour..... 163 |
| | 1872. | |
| Greeley..... | 178 | Grant..... 169 |
| | 1876. | |
| Hayes..... | 182 | Tilden..... 194 |

GOVERNOR VOTE.

Meshech Weare received the vote of this town for president of the state until 1784, when the chief magistrate was styled governor. There is no record of the number of votes cast for either Mr. Weare for president, or for Josiah Bartlett, who was governor from 1784 until 1793, except for the

last-named year. But few votes were cast for either as chief magistrate, little interest being felt in the matter, parties not having then assumed much prominence.

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| 1793. | | 1801. | |
| Josiah Bartlett..... | 85 | Timothy Walker..... | 25 |
| 1794. | | John Langdon..... | 19 |
| John T. Gilman..... | 33 | John T. Gilman..... | 18 |
| Daniel Rendy..... | 14 | | <hr/> |
| | <hr/> | | 62 |
| | 47 | 1802. | |
| 1795. | | John Langdon..... | 86 |
| John T. Gilman..... | 50 | John T. Gilman..... | 66 |
| 1796. | | Scattering..... | 2 |
| Timothy Walker..... | 37 | | <hr/> |
| John T. Gilman..... | 27 | | 154 |
| Scattering..... | 1 | 1803. | |
| | <hr/> | John Langdon..... | 104 |
| | 65 | John T. Gilman..... | 11 |
| 1797. | | | <hr/> |
| John T. Gilman..... | 12 | | 115 |
| Simeon Alcott..... | 12 | 1804. | |
| Scattering..... | 8 | John Langdon..... | 129 |
| | <hr/> | John T. Gilman..... | 78 |
| | 32 | | <hr/> |
| 1798. | | | 207 |
| Timothy Walker..... | 41 | 1805. | |
| Simeon Alcott..... | 12 | John Langdon..... | 149 |
| Timothy Farrar..... | 5 | John T. Gilman..... | 73 |
| John T. Gilman..... | 4 | Scattering..... | 1 |
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| | 62 | | 223 |
| 1799. | | 1806. | |
| John T. Gilman..... | 23 | John Langdon..... | 133 |
| Timothy Farrar..... | 17 | Timothy Farrar..... | 37 |
| Simeon Alcott..... | 15 | Scattering..... | 6 |
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| | 55 | | 176 |
| 1800. | | 1807. | |
| Timothy Walker..... | 87 | John Langdon..... | 84 |
| John T. Gilman..... | 20 | Timothy Farrar..... | 15 |
| Scattering..... | 4 | Scattering..... | 1 |
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| | 1808. | | 1816. |
| John Langdon..... | 89 | William Plumer..... | 184 |
| Scattering..... | 5 | James Sheafe..... | 126 |
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| | 94 | | 310 |
| | 1809. | | 1817. |
| John Langdon..... | 118 | William Plumer..... | 171 |
| Jeremiah Smith..... | 80 | James Sheafe..... | 97 |
| Scattering..... | — | Scattering..... | 3 |
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| | 198 | | 271 |
| | 1810. | | 1818. |
| John Langdon..... | 152 | William Plumer..... | 188 |
| Jeremiah Smith..... | 88 | John Mason..... | 84 |
| Scattering..... | — | | <hr/> |
| | 240 | | 272 |
| | 1811. | | 1819. |
| John Langdon..... | 168 | Samuel Bell..... | 137 |
| Jeremiah Smith..... | 84 | William Hale..... | 68 |
| Scattering..... | 1 | Scattering..... | 4 |
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| | 253 | | 209 |
| | 1812. | | 1820. |
| William Plumer..... | 151 | Samuel Bell..... | 161 |
| John T. Gilman..... | 72 | Richard H. Ayer..... | 127 |
| Scattering..... | 1 | Scattering..... | 20 |
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| | 224 | | 308 |
| | 1813. | | 1821. |
| William Plumer..... | 185 | Richard H. Ayer..... | 156 |
| John T. Gilman..... | 107 | Samuel Bell..... | 142 |
| Scattering..... | — | Scattering..... | 30 |
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| | 292 | | 328 |
| | 1814. | | 1822. |
| William Plumer..... | 203 | Samuel Bell..... | 113 |
| John T. Gilman..... | 126 | Scattering..... | 7 |
| Scattering..... | — | | <hr/> |
| | 329 | | 120 |
| | 1815. | | 1823. |
| William Plumer..... | 172 | Samuel Dinsmoor..... | 146 |
| John T. Gilman..... | 113 | Levi Woodbury..... | 82 |
| Scattering..... | 1 | Scattering..... | 1 |
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| | 286 | | 229 |

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| 1824. | | 1832. | |
| David L. Morrill..... | 194 | Samuel Dinsmoor..... | 198 |
| Levi Woodbury..... | 36 | Ichabod Bartlett..... | 49 |
| Scattering..... | 13 | | — |
| | <u>243</u> | | 247 |
| 1825. | | 1833. | |
| David L. Morrill..... | 222 | Samuel Dinsmoor..... | 212 |
| Scattering..... | 1 | | — |
| | <u>223</u> | | |
| 1826. | | 1834. | |
| Benjamin Pierce..... | 158 | Wm. Badger..... | 224 |
| David L. Morrill..... | 62 | Scattering..... | 2 |
| Scattering..... | 5 | | — |
| | <u>225</u> | | 226 |
| 1827. | | 1835. | |
| Benj. Pierce..... | 144 | Wm. Badger..... | 219 |
| Scattering..... | 7 | Scattering..... | 26 |
| | <u>151</u> | | — |
| 1828. | | 1836. | |
| Benj. Pierce..... | 221 | Isaac Hill..... | 186 |
| John Bell..... | 130 | Scattering..... | 1 |
| Scattering..... | 1 | | — |
| | <u>352</u> | | 187 |
| 1829. | | 1837. | |
| Benj. Pierce..... | 214 | Isaac Hill..... | 162 |
| John Bell..... | 111 | Abel Connor..... | 18 |
| Scattering..... | 1 | Scattering..... | 4 |
| | <u>326</u> | | — |
| 1830. | | | 184 |
| Matthew Harvey..... | 203 | 1838. | |
| Timothy Upham..... | 85 | Isaac Hill..... | 242 |
| Scattering..... | 1 | James Wilson..... | 116 |
| | <u>289</u> | | — |
| 1831. | | | 358 |
| Samuel Dinsmoor..... | 213 | 1839. | |
| Ichabod Bartlett..... | 89 | John Page..... | 243 |
| Scattering..... | 1 | James Wilson..... | 113 |
| | <u>303</u> | | — |
| | | | 356 |
| | | 1840. | |
| | | John Page..... | 219 |
| | | Enos Stevens..... | 90 |
| | | | — |
| | | | 309 |

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| | 1841. | | 1848. |
| John Page..... | 250 | Jared W. Williams..... | 254 |
| Enos Stevens..... | 98 | Nathaniel S. Berry..... | 134 |
| Scattering..... | 9 | | — |
| | — | | 388 |
| | 357 | | |
| | 1842. | | 1849. |
| Henry Hubbard..... | 235 | Samuel Dinsmoor..... | 236 |
| Enos Stevens..... | 40 | Nathaniel S. Berry..... | 73 |
| Daniel S. Hoit..... | 37 | Levi Chamberlain..... | 39 |
| John H. White..... | 34 | | — |
| | — | | 348 |
| | 346 | | |
| | 1843. | | 1850. |
| Henry Hubbard..... | 177 | Samuel Dinsmoor..... | 235 |
| Daniel S. Hoit..... | 71 | Nathaniel S. Berry..... | 81 |
| John H. White..... | 29 | Levi Chamberlain..... | 30 |
| Anthony Colby..... | 17 | | — |
| | — | | 346 |
| | 294 | | |
| | 1844. | | 1851. |
| John H. Steele..... | 190 | Samuel Dinsmoor..... | 195 |
| Daniel S. Hoit..... | 75 | John Atwood..... | 148 |
| Scattering..... | 39 | Thomas E. Sawyer..... | 21 |
| | — | | — |
| | 304 | | 364 |
| | 1845. | | 1852. |
| John H. Steele..... | 173 | Noah Martin..... | 206 |
| Daniel S. Hoit..... | 50 | John Atwood..... | 101 |
| Anthony Colby..... | 28 | Thomas E. Sawyer..... | 42 |
| Scattering..... | 4 | Scattering..... | 2 |
| | — | | — |
| | 255 | | 351 |
| | 1846. | | 1853. |
| Jared W. Williams..... | 219 | Noah Martin..... | 220 |
| Nathaniel S. Berry..... | 87 | James Bell..... | 34 |
| Anthony Colby..... | 38 | John S. White..... | 89 |
| Scattering..... | 3 | | — |
| | — | | 343 |
| | 347 | | |
| | 1847. | | 1854. |
| Jared W. Williams..... | 226 | Nathaniel B. Baker..... | 215 |
| Nathaniel S. Berry..... | 72 | Jared Perkins..... | 94 |
| Anthony Colby..... | 52 | James Bell..... | 26 |
| | — | | — |
| | 350 | | 335 |
| | | | 1855. |
| | | Nathaniel B. Baker..... | 181 |
| | | Ralph Metcalf..... | 163 |
| | | Asa Fowler..... | 33 |

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| James Bell..... | 3 | 1863. | |
| | — | Ira A. Eastman..... | 166 |
| | 380 | Joseph A. Gilmore..... | 108 |
| 1856. | | Walter Harriman..... | 39 |
| Ralph Metcalf..... | 196 | Mason W. Tappan..... | 23 |
| John S. Wells..... | 188 | Scattering..... | 1 |
| Asa Fowler..... | 3 | | — |
| Scattering..... | 1 | | 337 |
| | — | 1864. | |
| | 388 | Joseph A. Gilmore..... | 195 |
| 1857. | | Edward W. Harrington..... | 158 |
| William Haile..... | 211 | Scattering..... | 2 |
| John S. Wells..... | 178 | | — |
| Scattering..... | 1 | | 355 |
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CHAPTER XVIII.

MUSIC—TEMPERANCE—SUNDAY-SCHOOLS—BRASS BANDS
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SAMUEL MANSFIELD appears as the first director of singing in church in this town. He resided upon what is known as the Patty Eastman place, in the easterly part of the town, and came to this place shortly after its incorporation. Mr. Mansfield was chosen several times by the town "to tune the psalm." He usually occupied a seat close to Mr. Rice, in the log meeting-house, so as to face the congregation when singing. When the frame meeting-house was erected, he was allowed to sit in the minister's pew. Soon being allowed to select two or three male singers to assist him, they occupied the elders' seats, immediately in the rear of the deacons'. This was the first beginning of a choir in church.

There were but few hymn-books in the congregation. Because of this, the hymn was read throughout by the clergyman, and then read to the congregation by one of the deacons (hence the term "deaconing the hymn"), one line at a time, which was then sung until the whole hymn was disposed of. In this way two or three hymn-books answered for the whole congregation. The singing was purely congregational, everybody that could make a sound joining in it, without much regard to tune or time, on the part of many.

The selection of tunes to be sung was confined to a few old ones, St. Martins, York, Windham, Mears, and St. Ann's being the principal ones sung, leaving but little choice between the bold major sentiment of the hymn and its pathetic minor. These tunes were the only ones in use until nearly the close of the last century, when music of a different nature was introduced, through the use of the "Village Harmony." Then a few of the best singers were selected, and promoted into the singing-seats. Many of these pieces were quite difficult to execute, and were called "fugues." They soon became very popular, and the whole congregation became familiar with them. These pieces are seldom heard in these days, and are only known as "old fugue tunes." They consisted of one part leading off with one line, and other parts with different lines, repeating a part or the whole of them, making a confused noise, until all finally came upon the last line or two together. The hymn was rounded out with a chorus that was inspiring and devotional.

It happened at one time, in the singing upon a public occasion, that the choir, under the direction of Col. Imri Woods, were called upon to execute some of their most difficult music. Dr. Nathan Sanborn was a prominent singer in the choir. He started off with "Our daughters, fair as pol." The other parts came in with their lines; but the good doctor continued to repeat his portion until everybody wondered how he was coming out of it, and the hearers were much relieved when he ended by singing, "Our daughters, fair as polished stones."

The pitch-pipe was the only instrument upon which the key could be sounded, until the close of the last century, when violins and bass-violins were introduced into the church; but these were not very extensively used until after the building of the Congregational church near Mr. Rice's, at the beginning of the present century. We can learn of no very serious opposition to their introduction. Many of the older portion of our people well remember how the service

was disturbed by the tuning of the instruments, that they might be in readiness for the singing at the close of the sermon.

And now "Master" John Connor appeared upon the stage, and sacred music took a step forward. Mr. Connor was the great teacher of the art of singing in this vicinity. His services were in great demand, far and near. He had a great faculty for teaching music; and although his scholars used at times to call him "cross and fretful," he had but few if any equals. He was a great lover of music, and to his last days was a sharp critic of all musical performances to which it was his pleasure to listen. The exercises of no public occasion were complete without Mr. Connor and his choir and his instrumental players. Several of the young ladies of this town became proficient in the art of singing under his direction, and were always sure of a large audience when it was known they were to sing on any public occasion. Mr. Connor was then in his best mood; and as their sweet notes were rendered, his face would light up with an approving smile, and he seemed lost in wonder and admiration at the truly wonderful singing of "my girls," as he used to call them.

This town became famous for its singers, and for its players upon stringed, and afterwards wind, instruments. It is a certain fact, that but few towns in this state furnished any better musicians than did this; and in one particular instance the town can most certainly claim to have produced one of the finest and most cultivated masters of the violin to be found in our country.

Singing-schools now became quite common, and new singing-books were used in keeping with "Watts's Hymn-Book," which was then in general use in all the churches. In the winter of 1823-'24 a very large singing-school was taught in Bartlett's hall, by Dea. Ezra Barrett, a famous singing-master, who at that time resided in Warner. The younger portion of the community attended during the after-

noon, joined in the evening by the older singers. The school was very large and enthusiastic. For instrumental music during this singing-school, Micah Howe played the leading violin, Carlos H. Gould and John Hardy played clarinets, Uri Smith and Merrill Gates played upon flutes, and David Connor, Imri Woods, Samuel Morrison, and William Foster, bass-violos. A public performance was given at the close of the school. The whole school met at the hall during the afternoon, formed a procession, and, escorted by the stringed instrumental music, proceeded to the Congregational church, where Rev. Mr. Sawyer gave a very interesting address upon music, after which the school gave their concert. Some of Mr. Barrett's scholars from Warner and Peterborough were present. Several very difficult pieces were performed, among which were,—“Strike the Cymbals,” “Hailstone Chorus,” “Chorus Anthem,” “Thanksgiving Hymn,” and “Dying Christian.” The singing-book used was the Bridgewater Collection. The concert was of a high order, and a complete success. At its close the entire school marched back to the hall, where, after the “good-bys” had been said, the school was closed. Mr. Barrett taught the next winter with equal success.

Col. Imri Woods was very successful as a teacher of music, and as a leader of a choir.

Col. Daniel C. Gould was for many years leader of the choir of the Congregational church, which church was furnished with an organ soon after it was built. Dr. Nathan Sanborn and Washington C. Cogswell were its principal players. This was sold in 1871, and a new one, costing over \$1,000, was placed in the church, which has been presided over mostly by Miss Carrie E. Morse, who, as an amateur organist, gives excellent satisfaction. The choir at this church was, for a large number of years, under direction of Frederick Whitney, who exhibited a good deal of the taste for music for which he was noted in his younger days.

The choir at the Baptist church, while it was in being,

was for some time under the direction of David P. Perkins, now a resident of Manchester. It was afterwards under the leadership of Jesse Webster and David Smith.

At the Methodist church the singing was formerly under the direction of Dea. George Connor and Capt. Israel Adams. In later years Hiram A. Campbell, Imri S. Whitney, Oliver Pillsbury, Oliver A. Newton, and John Jackman have served as choristers.

Dea. Benj. Colby was for many years chorister at the Congregational church.

Singing-schools have been taught in town by nearly or quite all the above-named, and by Enos Hoyt, B. B. Davis, of Concord, John Jackman, Imri S. Whitney, Enoch L. C. Colby, and others out of town. The schools have usually been subscription schools, the concert at the close generally helping to round up the expenses satisfactorily to all.

But the days of the pitch-pipe have long since passed away. The violin, the bass-viol, the trombone, the clarinet, and the flute are no longer heard in the church. Their sweet notes will, however, forever linger in the memories of those who used to hear them, as they led the melodious voices on and up in those grand old tunes, the rendering of which seemed to carry the performer and the listener upon the wings of loving faith, and filled the hearts of all with ecstatic joy.

To quicken the memories of the lovers of the old sacred music, we append a few lines from a poem read by Samuel Burnham, at the centennial celebration in Rindge, in 1868:

“ And when, at last, the loud Amen
Fell from aloft, how quickly then
The seats came down, with heavy rattle,
Like musketry in fiercest battle;
And farther off, and higher yet,
The singers and the players sat.
Oh! what a deluge of sweet sound!
Northfield came flying swiftly round;

The New Jerusalem came down
 On slippery cat-gut on the town ;
 To old St. Martin's air so light,
 The shepherds watched their flocks by night.
 How those old tunes call up the past,
 And memories throng both thick and fast !
 Old Majesty in sad complaints,
 And wailing China for dead saints ;
 And Lenox, Duke Street, and the rest
 That to the service added zest.
 But songs and songsters now are dead ;
 Those Sabbath days have long since fled.
 The strings are broken, mute the tongue,
 That then God's praises sweetly sung."

TEMPERANCE.

In the spring of 1829 a few ladies of this town, viewing with alarm the evil that was being done by the use of intoxicating drinks, and deeming that the time had fully come when some measures should be taken to check, if possible, this evil that had grown to such an alarming extent, and save, at least, the young and the rising generation from its grasp, formed themselves into a temperance society, with Mrs. Dr. Sanborn for president ; Mrs. Joshua Darling and Mrs. Dyer Abbott for vice-presidents ; and Mrs. Sally Butler for secretary. These four ladies, together with Mrs. Sally Gould and Betty Smith, and two others, whose names cannot be ascertained, were the original members.

This was the first temperance society in Henniker. For sixty years after the settlement of the town, rum and other liquors had been almost as plenty as water. They were to be found upon the dressers of the wealthy, in tall, square, black bottles, and in the abodes of the poorer classes, in the same manner. At the log-rollings, the raisings, the huskings, and all gatherings of the men, they were furnished in abundance. No funeral could take place without them. They were considered as indispensable articles. At the ordination of the minister they were passed around ; and the

first act of the clergyman, after he reached his home at the close of the forenoon and afternoon exercises, upon the Sabbath, was to take his dram, to assist in giving rest to his weary body, and calm contentment and *spiritual* repose to his mind. And yet, away back in those olden times, an intoxicated person was rarely seen. The liquors used were considered free from those ingredients that helped to degrade the users, as is exhibited in these later days. A change soon became apparent. Intemperance began to show its evils in the adulteration of liquors, and crime began to increase. The dram-shop began to be filled with its victims, spending the money, that should have purchased food and clothing for their suffering families, to quench their unhallowed thirst. In this manner much suffering was caused, and ruin brought upon many formerly happy homes. An increase of intemperance was visible in this town in more intoxication in the streets, and in the longer-continued "sprees" of some of the older inhabitants as they remained in some store or hotel days and nights in succession, to the neglect of their families and their duties at home. It was seen in the imitation of this example by the younger portion of the people of the town, who thought it right to do as their fathers did. It began to be seen in the neglect of the family, hitherto respectable and respected, while the wife and children were obliged to resort to various expedients to eke out the necessary subsistence of life. It began to be seen in the impoverishment of the farm, in the decayed fences, in the rattling of the loose boards upon the buildings, and in the broken glass in the window,—old clothes or dilapidated hats filling the space, vainly trying to keep out the storm and the cold. It was seen in the foreclosure of the mortgage upon the farm, which its owner was unable to remove, while the fact was developed that the farm had gone down the throat of its former owner in the shape of intoxicating drinks.

Such was the picture of the situation here when these

heroic ladies resolved to make a stand against this great evil, and, if possible, arouse the community to a sense of its danger, even though it should be in a small degree. This bold action on the part of these ladies soon brought to their assistance a few of the leading men of the town, and on the 4th of July of that year, Dr. Nathan Sanborn, by invitation of these ladies, delivered a temperance address in the Congregational church. The day was very pleasant, and a large congregation assembled to listen to the first temperance address in this town. The subject was treated very ably by the good doctor, giving good counsel, and words of encouragement in the performance of duty. At the close of his lecture the meeting was addressed by several gentlemen, in short speeches, and before the day closed it was resolved to form a temperance society, which should include in its membership men, women, and children. Four gentlemen signed the pledge that day, and formed themselves into a society, of which Dr. Nathan Sanborn was president, and Artemas Rogers secretary. Rev. Jacob Scales and Abel Connor were the other two members. Josiah Hill became a member immediately after. A meeting was soon held, when quite a number of children signed the pledge, and the organization of the ladies' society was merged in the new one, all working very harmoniously together.

From this little beginning the cause began to flourish; and the pledge was signed, and was solemnly kept, by a goodly number of the population of the town. Numerous meetings were held, but no special excitement became manifest until 1843, when the "Washingtonian" movement, which had begun in a little dram-shop in Baltimore, Maryland, by John Hawkins and three associates, had spread over the entire country, in its wonderful power for good. Meetings were held here almost nightly, in the different churches, and in the school-houses throughout the town. Able speakers from abroad addressed the crowded audiences. Among these speakers was John Hawkins himself,

who, upon his first appearance in town, addressed one of the largest audiences that ever assembled within the walls of the old town-house. His pitiful experience, related in such plain, unvarnished language, and his pathetic appeals to the people, told with wonderful effect. Hundreds signed the pledge, and many an evening was spent by crowds listening to the experience of the reformed men in our midst. Dr. J. H. Robinson was another strong advocate of the cause, laboring here for a week at a time. A very fine club of singers, aided by some of our best instrumental players, attended the meetings in all parts of the town, and added much to the interest of the meetings. The rum in the stores was purchased and destroyed; and to such an extent was the pledge taken that this town soon came to be known as one of the strongest in the cause, and its people one of the best temperance communities in the state. Many who signed the pledge adhered to it faithfully through the remainder of their lives, making themselves more respectable and their families much happier.

A temperance celebration was held here upon the 4th of July, 1844, which was the largest one that has ever taken place in the town. The people of the neighboring towns were invited, and most freely did they accept the invitation, for, on the morning of that most beautiful day, they came pouring into town from every direction; long lines of carriages, embowered with branches of leaves, unloaded their huge loads, who, together with the people of this town, who turned out almost *en masse*, covered the commons about the churches, and filled the streets until passage seemed almost impossible. The marshal of the day, with his numerous aids, soon brought order out of confusion, by the formation of a procession. Headed by the Henniker band, the long procession wound its way through the streets of the village, with banners and appropriate mottoes, in large numbers, along its entire length; thence up to the oak grove belonging to Jacob Rice, and northerly from his residence, where

seats had been built for thousands, and a spacious stand for the officers and orator of the day, and for the band. After appropriate exercises, the president of the day, stepping to the front of the stand, spoke as follows: "Ladies and gentlemen: I have the honor to present to you, as the orator upon this occasion, one of New Hampshire's most distinguished and eloquent sons, the Hon. Franklin Pierce, of Concord." For upwards of an hour the distinguished orator held his audience spell-bound, as he alluded to the day and its patriotic memories, and then pleaded, with all the eloquence at his command, for the success of that cause which was dearest to the hearts of the vast multitude before him,—the cause of temperance. When his peroration, which had fallen from his lips in eloquent and well-rounded sentences, was brought to a close, he sat down amid tremendous cheers, which shook the very leaves of the noble oaks which overshadowed them. Attention was then directed to the long lines of tables, fairly groaning under the weight of provisions of all kinds, furnished by the good people of the town. The tables were waited upon by a large number of young ladies, who performed their duties in a very pleasing and faithful manner. Although it was estimated that there were from 3,000 to 5,000 people in the grove, yet everybody was well supplied with food, and no one went away hungry. Everything passed off satisfactorily, and no accident occurred to mar the happiness of the day. The exercises at the grove were presided over in a very able manner by Lewis Smith, Esq.

The 4th of July, 1845, was observed at Hopkinton with temperance festivities; and by invitation a very large number went down from here, having their carriages and horses decked with flowers and wreaths of oak-leaves.

The organization was kept up for several years, although the interest gradually abated. So many other matters of interest came up, that the organization was merely nominal, and but little was said upon the subject of temperance for many years.

In the winter of 1866-'67 a new impetus was given to the cause by the formation in this town of a society of the Order of Good Templars. They held meetings weekly for some time, in which men and women were alike active. The society was designed for a secret one. Members were admitted to their meetings by pass-words, and acknowledged each other outside of the lodge-room by friendly grips of the hand. A beautiful burial service was adopted, which was used at the funerals of several of their members. This order flourished well for a time; but discussions not germane to its principles crept in, producing bickerings and strife, and diverting the minds of the members from the main question at issue, until finally the organization was disbanded.

A temperance society, however, was soon organized by some who had the good of the cause at heart, which was kept up until Feb. 19, 1876, when a large meeting was held in Cogswell's hall. It was addressed by J. K. Osgood, a reformed inebriate, of Gardiner, Me., and J. W. Drew, also a reformed man, of Concord. At this time a reform club was organized, and one hundred and twenty persons signed the pledge. Since that time this club has held meetings almost weekly, and has accomplished much good.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The first class for instruction in and for the study of the Scriptures was formed in the summer of 1814. John C. Proctor was the teacher, and his class was composed of young ladies. The question-book used was called a "Short Biblical Catechism," containing the Shorter Catechism, and was published in 1812. This class met at the meeting-house, at nine o'clock each Sabbath morning. Other classes were formed until they increased so that it was found necessary to have some organization, which was effected in May, 1818. In the *Farmers' Cabinet*, published at Amherst, August 15, 1818, I find the following:

COMMUNICATED. A Sabbath School was instituted in Hen-

niker, at the Rev. Mr. Sawyer's meeting house, the last of May, 1818, provided with a Superintendent, and ten instructors and instructresses. By the first monthly report, which was publicly read by Rev. Mr. Sawyer, it appeared in the course of the four Sabbaths, 84 scholars had attended, and committed to memory, and rehearsed, 4856 verses in the Bible; 45 Psalms; 93 Hymns; 51 answers in the Assembly Catechism, and 65 answers in the Mother's Catechism.

By the report at the end of the second month, number of scholars, 102; they had rehearsed 7066 verses in the Bible; 93 Psalms; 310 Hymns; 224 answers in the Assembly Catechism; 2148 answers in the Mother's Catechism, and 383 in the Evangelical Primer. In the course of the second month, two additional branches of said Sabbath School were established: one in District No. 4, the other in No. 7.

By the report in School District No. 4, in three Sabbaths, it consisted of 27 scholars; they had recited 2021 verses in the Bible; 77 Hymns; 45 Psalms; 311 answers in the Mother's Catechism. The school in No. 7 has been so lately instituted, that no report has been made.

The school at the Meeting house is opened by prayer by the Superintendent, at 9 o'clock A. M.

The scholars all remain of course, and attend public worship.

The other Schools are holden after the afternoon exercise.

The superintendent of the Sunday-school at the meeting-house was Obadiah Parsons, who was living here at the time, and following the occupation of a tailor. He and his wife came from Newburyport, Mass. The school has been held in uninterrupted succession since its organization. I am sorry to say, that until recently the records of the school have not been kept as they should have been, for reference and statistical purposes.

A Sunday-school was kept up in the Baptist church as long as it was an organization, which was at one time very fully attended.

A Sunday-school has existed in the Methodist church since its first meeting-house was erected, in 1834, and has been very successful in numbers and in influence.

From the Congregational Sunday-school there have gone out 12 ministers, 12 ministers' wives, 4 foreign missionaries, 4 home missionaries, 13 deacons, and 10 authors.

FIRST BRASS BAND.

The first brass and reed band formed in this town was in the winter of 1836-'37. This band consisted of the following members: Dutton Woods, Horace Gibson, and Calvin Abbott, with bugles; Frederick Whitney, John Barker, and Jonathan Pressey, with clarinets; James Gibson, tenor trombone; Michael Livingston and William P. Cressey, bass trombones; Oliver C. Fisher, bass horn; William Chandler and William S. Elliott, French horns; and Maj. Thomas Livingston, with his bass drum. There were thirteen original members of this band. Their meetings for rehearsal were held in Daniel C. Gould's hall, and the services of Alonzo Bond, of Boston, were secured as teacher. Their meetings were quite frequent, and they soon became proficient as players. It soon began to be noised about that Henniker had a good band. Up to this time, music for trainings and muster-days had been furnished mostly from fifes and drums, with clarinets, and occasionally a bugle. Brass and reed music was now coming in vogue, and the services of the Henniker Band soon began to be in demand. Their first appearance in public, out of town, was in the fall of 1838, when they played one half day for the New Hampton Phalanx, at New Hampton, for drill, and the next day for them at muster at Meredith. They went over in a coach drawn by four horses, Blaisdell Clark, driver. They soon furnished themselves with a "band-wagon" and a large tent for camping purposes. For several years, and, in fact, until the militia was disbanded in 1851, they attended several musters, and furnished music for some of the best companies of militia within fifty miles of their home. This band was reinforced at times by David Connor, Harrison A. Rice, John C. Darling, William Abbott, L. W. Cogswell, and others, and its reputation as a street band was among the best of the state. Micah How and his son Columbus, with fifes, and his son Merrill, with a snare drum, often accompanied the band, and made a fine addition.

Upon the disbanding of the militia, in 1851, the organization disbanded, and there was none in town until the fall of 1857, when Horace Gibson, C. C. Gibson, Wm. Abbott, Wm. Chandler, James Gibson, Leander W. Cogswell, David Connor, Washington C. Cogswell, Hiram Marsh, Luther H. Whitcomb, Charles Knott, Fitz E. Cogswell, George E. Green, Charles Garland, and Moses Garland formed themselves into a musical association, to be known as the "Henriker Cornet Band." William Abbott was chosen leader, and L. W. Cogswell, clerk. Brass instruments were procured, and the band was placed under Prof. C. C. Gibson, as its first teacher. The band was soon reinforced by the addition to its members of John C. Ray, Jacob R. Foster, William Foster, Edwin S. Foster, Frank H. Carr, and Carl Krebs. The first appearance of the band out of town was during the winter of 1858-'59, when it accompanied a sleighing party of 100 couples from this town to Bradford Corner. It furnished music for the large celebration held in Deacon Connor's grove, on the 4th of July, 1859. In the winter of 1859-'60 the band procured a new set of German-silver instruments, at a cost of over \$1,000. Several hundred dollars of this sum was raised by subscription from the people of the town, and by a levee held during the winter, at which over \$200 was raised. Prof. Alonzo Bond, of Boston, was instructor of the band for two winters, and under his instruction it at once took a high position. This band met twice a week for three years, with hardly any interruption, and at that time was without a rival, or an equal, in central New Hampshire, save Dignam's Cornet Band of Manchester. A large amount of playing was done by the band at promenade concerts, celebrations, funerals, and upon other occasions. In 1862, several of its members entered the U. S. service, which weakened the band for a time. Their places were filled, and additions were made to the band from time to time, and it did more or less playing till 1873, since which time it has not been very regular in its

practice. Its old leader, William Abbott, will be remembered for his skill as a cornet-player, performing any piece of music set before him in a fine tone, and with beautiful expression. He was one of the best cornet-players this state has produced.

ORCHESTRAL MUSIC.

Prof. C. C. Gibson's orchestral band, composed of himself, William Abbott, David Connor, and Luther H. Whitcomb, furnished music many years for balls, dances, concerts, and other occasions, through the central part of this state. Their services were in almost constant demand during the winter and spring months of the year, and their music was of the most pleasing character. As an orchestral band, for sweet and sublime music they have never had an equal in the state. Hiram Rice was also an excellent occasional player in this band.

DEAF MUTES.

Nahum Brown was the first deaf mute known in his family, and the first one in this town. No cause was ever assigned for his misfortune. He came here when a small lad (previous to his father's coming), and resided in the family of his uncle, Capt. Joseph Gibson. Up to this time, and for some time after, he had never worn shoes. He chopped wood at the door, his bare feet standing upon a warm plank. He was married at the age of twenty-seven. Rev. Mr. Rice, who married him, was at a loss how to make him understand the ceremony, when Mr. Eastman, the bride's father, told him "That those present could hear enough, without regard to Mr. Brown." Mr. Rice performed the ceremony, which was then explained by signs to Mr. Brown. He never learned to read or to write, except his own name, which was done by imitation. He was a regular observer of the Sabbath, and attended church constantly upon that day. His idea of heaven was that of a holy city, where good men and women visited each other on wings. His wife proved an

excellent helpmate, and assisted him in his business; and his intimate friends aided him in his trades. He was a good farmer, and a superior teamster. He was a great lover of fun and of good jokes. One evening, late in the autumn, he went to Samuel Clark's and engaged him to assist him the next day, asking him to take his blasting tools with him. Mr. Clark did so, when Mr. Brown took him into his potato field. Taking a drill, he pointed it at a hill of potatoes, saying, "They are so large my oxen cannot pull them out," and wanted them blasted out. Mr. Clark soon saw the joke that had been played upon him.

Mr. Brown having disposed of his farm to Jacob Rice, he purchased the one upon which his son Thomas now resides, in the west part of the town. Here he lived the remainder of his days, and managed his estate in an excellent manner. Being possessed of a vigorous constitution, he was ever industrious, and prided himself upon the amount of labor he was able to perform. He was a highly respected citizen, and enjoyed the company of his neighbors and fellow-townsmen, at whose homes he was ever a favorite.

For several years previous to his death he was troubled with a pain in one side of his head, and, after a while, one eye became blind. Soon afterwards a similar pain seized the other side of his head, affecting the vision of the other eye, and he became sightless and helpless. For the last year before his death, he required the constant care of two persons, and suffered intensely. He understood perfectly every movement of his devoted wife and of his son Thomas, and often made signs to them as to his complaints. Just before his death, he made signs for them to come near him. Upon doing so his wife touched him, when he smiled, so pleased was he that she, who had shared his joys and his sorrows, and with whom he had passed so many pleasant years, and who had watched so faithfully by his bedside during his long isolation, as it were, from the world, was near him; and with her hands upon him, he passed peace-

fully away, his friends confidently hope and believe, to that holier and better place "where the deaf ear shall be unstopped, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing."

THOMAS BROWN,

son of Nahum and Abiah Brown, was born in this town, July 25, 1804. He lived at home, working upon the farm, until the age of eighteen, when he entered the school of the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb at Hartford, Conn., then just opened, under the management of the late Dr. H. P. Peet, under whose instruction he remained five years, and was one of the first graduates of that institution. He had for teachers, besides Dr. Peet, Thomas H. Gallaudet and Lamont Clerc, three of the earliest and most successful teachers of deaf mutes in this country.

Before attending school, Thomas had no idea of the name or meaning of anything he saw around him. The thankfulness of his heart at being able to read and write knew no bounds. He came home in 1829, and has ever since lived on the farm where he now resides. April 1, 1832, he married Mary Smith, of Chilmark, Martha's Vineyard, also a graduate of Hartford. They lived most happily together until 1863, when she died, greatly lamented by all whose privilege it was to know her.

Since 1850, yielding to the solicitations of his mute friends, who have ever looked to him for advice, in consequence of his being one of the oldest and ablest graduates of the asylum, Mr. Brown has most of the time been connected in some official capacity with their various associations. He was the first president of the New England Gallaudet Association, which position he held for several years. He has also been president of the New England Clerc Monumental Association, and is vice-president of the National Clerc Monumental Association.

Mr. Brown married, for his second wife, Sophia Sumner, of Leeds, Me., a hearing lady, who has four educated mute brothers.

Thomas, like his father, is a great lover of fun, and his humor is unbounded. He is one of our most intelligent, upright, industrious, and respectable citizens.

Mr. Brown is one of the most interesting of mute speakers, and at all the gatherings of the mutes he is called upon to address them. The first speech he ever made was in Hartford, Sept. 26, 1850. A silver pitcher, most elegantly wrought, was presented to each of his old teachers, Messrs. Gallaudet and Clerc. Mr. Brown was the originator of the movement, and at the presentation spoke as follows:

“My deaf and dumb friends: The object of our assembling here is chiefly to pay our grateful respects to our early benefactors,—to those to whose assiduous labors we owe our education, and the hopes and happiness it has afforded us. Let me congratulate you upon our happy meeting. How interesting to us all is the occasion,—as one for the renewal of former friendships and the expressions of grateful acknowledgments to our best friends and benefactors. Let us ever remember them, and love the great and good institution with the sincere love of children.”

On Wednesday, Sept. 6, 1854, a large concourse of deaf mutes, from all parts of the Union, met at Hartford to join in the ceremonies of the completion of a monument that had been erected to the memory of Mr. Gallaudet. Mr. Brown delivered a short address upon the occasion, which was given, as he gave it, to the large number of hearing people present, by a teacher of the institution. We give an extract, showing how deeply grateful he was for the services of his old teacher, whose memory was that day being commemorated:

“Thanks to our gracious God, that we are spared to meet here to enjoy the honor of raising a monument to the deceased Gallaudet, who formerly sought our happiness and prosperity, while others have been called away by a mysterious dispensation of God, who would have wished to have witnessed this celebration.

“Was this monument built for our worship, or an idol, or for an ornament to this institution? No! it perpetuates our affectionate remembrance of a departed friend and benefactor, and will be an endless memento to this institution, of which that great man was the first principal. How good God was to have prepared and selected such a man as was Dr. Gallaudet, for the friend and teacher of deaf mutes. I ever felt towards him as my kind father. Now he is on his dusty pillow. His monument stands as an immortal memento to future teachers and pupils. May the choicest blessings of heaven descend upon us, that we may be prepared to meet our first beloved teacher when God shall call us away.”

The fiftieth anniversary of the “dawn of education on American deaf mutes” was held in Hartford, Aug. 22, 1866, upon which occasion Mr. Brown presided, and made a speech in review of what had been accomplished at the institution during the fifty years which had passed away since it was founded.

Mr. Brown attended the semi-centennial celebration of the founding of the New York institution for the deaf and dumb, in New York city, August 28, 1867. He was introduced to the large audience by Dr. Peet, his old instructor, who gave him a very flattering introduction. In the course of his remarks, Mr. Brown said,—

“On the 10th of September, 1851, I was at work on my farm, in a lot which I had named the ‘Gallaudet lot.’ The day was intensely hot, and I felt very sad and gloomy, although I could not give any reason therefor. I worked as long as I could, and finally gave it up, and went to the house to rest. I had hardly set down in my chair, when some one brought me the news that T. H. Gallaudet was dead. I was much shocked and grieved, and since then have wondered whether there was not some mysterious connection between my sad feelings on that day and the death of my early friend and benefactor. I have never studied the theory of premo-

nitions, but I confess it appears to me that there are such things."

January 4, 1854, quite a remarkable meeting of deaf mutes took place in this town, at the house of Mr. Brown, to frame a constitution for a society to be called the "New England Gallaudet Association." Each New England state was represented. Mr. Brown presided, and William B. Swett was secretary. They held three sessions daily for five days, save upon the fourth. The morning session was opened with prayer by some member of the board. A complimentary resolution to Mr. Brown was passed at the close, to which he responded very neatly. A resolution of thanks "to Mrs. Brown for her attention, promptitude, and excellent board;" to Mr. Swett, "for his services and hospitality;" and to Albert Gove and his wife, for their friendliness and hospitality, was also passed.

There in solemn convention these deaf mutes sat and transacted their business, with as much order and regularity as would any hearing assembly, and most certainly with far less noise.

Mr. Brown has been rightly named the "mute Cincinnatus of America," and his memory will ever be held in high respect by all who have known him.

THOMAS LEWIS BROWN,

son of Thomas and Mary S. Brown, was born in this town, July 8, 1839. When only a day old, a careless nurse let him fall upon the floor, and this, his mother always said, was the cause of his being a deaf mute. She was the more inclined to this belief, from the fact that her daughter was a hearing child. In 1851, Thomas was sent to school at Hartford, where he remained until 1857. He rose rapidly in his classes, and was regarded by his teachers as a superior scholar. He remained at home until the spring of 1859, when he was engaged as a teacher in the Deaf and Dumb

Asylum at Flint, Mich. He entered upon his duties March 7, 1859, and has been connected with the institution ever since, teaching the first or highest class since 1865. He is regarded by the principal, his fellow-teachers, and his pupils, as an efficient teacher and a valuable acquisition to the institution.

MASONIC.

The first meeting of the Masonic fraternity, of many members, occurred upon St. John's Day, June 24, 1823, when there was a large gathering of the order belonging to this and the neighboring towns, to commemorate the day. At this time there was no lodge in town, but one was opened by St. Peter's lodge, of Bradford, at the house of William Cressey, where a procession was formed, which proceeded to the old Congregational church, to listen to an address delivered by Brother and Rev. Mr. Nye, Congregational minister from Claremont. A large concourse of people was present. At the conclusion of the exercises, the procession was reformed, under the direction of Perley Howe and Timothy Darling, who officiated as marshals on the occasion, and marched back to Mr. Cressey's, where a bountiful dinner, provided by the fraternity of this town, was partaken of. The tables were spread on the green in front of Mr. Cressey's house, and were shaded by small birches placed at intervals their entire length, and arched over them. Hon. Joshua Darling presided on the occasion. After the eatables were disposed of, the fraternity were called to order, and sentiments appropriate to the day and the order were read and responded to.

There were at this time quite a large number of Masons residing in this town; and in the early spring of 1825 a petition for a lodge to be established here, to be known as Aurora Lodge, No. 43, was presented to the Grand Lodge of this state, which petition was considered, and a charter granted, June 8, 1825. The first meeting of the lodge was

held at the house of Mr. Cressey, July 2, 1825, when Enoch Darling, Esq., was elected W. M., Col. Imri Woods, S. W., Dr. Jacob Straw, J. W., Page Eaton, Esq., Treasurer, Dr. Nathan Sanborn, Secretary, Jacob Silver, S. D., Perley Howe, J. D., Daniel C. Gould, Josiah Morse, Jr., Stewards, and Micah Howe, Jr., Tyler.

When the brick building was erected by Wallace & Darling, in 1826, the fraternity secured a hall by adding the third story to that structure. Hon. Joshua Darling, Jacob Silver, and Page Eaton were chosen a committee to oversee the building of the same. The hall was dedicated, with appropriate ceremonies, by the Grand Lodge of the state.

On St. John's Day, June 24, 1828, a procession was formed at the hall, after its dedication, which proceeded to the Congregational church, where prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. White, of Washington, and an address was delivered by Brother and Rev. Mr. Lawton, of Hillsborough. Col. Imri Woods directed the music for the occasion, which was said to have been rendered "with much tact and skill." After the exercises were concluded, the procession was re-formed, and marched back to the second story of the brick building, where a sumptuous dinner, furnished by Capt. Robert M. Wallace, was partaken of by the large gathering. Enoch Darling, Esq., W. M., presided with much dignity and ability. The social hour was spent in responding to sentiments appropriate to the occasion, by several of the leading and most distinguished members of the fraternity in the state, who had honored the dedication with their presence.

This hall was occupied by the lodge until its destruction by fire, Feb. 15, 1876, or nearly half a century. By the fire, the lodge lost everything belonging to it; but, nothing daunted, they secured another hall, and were soon in working order.

During this half century, the lodge has been presided over by fifteen different worshipful masters, all residents of this town but four. There have been eight different treas-

urers, and ten secretaries. During this time, 180 different persons have been members of the lodge. Whole number who have died, 66; whole number demitted, 40; present membership, 74;—total, 180.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

June 7, 1867, a chapter of Royal Arch Masons was instituted, which has been quite prosperous, including in its membership a large number of prominent Masons within its jurisdiction. This chapter was called Woods Chapter, in honor of Col. Imri Woods, of this town, an eminent member of the fraternity. Its number is 74.

BEAR HILL GRANGE,

of the Order of the Patrons of Husbandry, was instituted in this town, Dec. 4, 1874. The grange took its name from Bear hill, situated in the south-west part of the town, known to us as Patten hill, where some of the first meetings were held, and where the order was instituted. The following season it commenced holding its meetings in the main village, where they have since been held. The lodge has met weekly or fortnightly most of the time since its organization. It has been quite prosperous; and its membership includes some of the most substantial farmers and mechanics of the town, and their wives and daughters. Many literary entertainments of a high order are given at their meetings.

I. O. O. F.

July 28, 1876, Crescent Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 60, was instituted. Public services were held in the Congregational church, at which addresses were made by several leading Odd Fellows of the state. The lodge has been quite prosperous. An encampment was instituted in the summer of 1879.

"CAUTIONS," OR WARNINGS OUT OF TOWN.

A very singular custom prevailed in the olden times, which was no less than that of warning all new-comers into town to depart hence within a specified time. This was done under the provisions of a statute which expressly declared that upon this being done, the town thus giving the warning should not be held liable for the support of the persons thus warned, if they called upon the town for assistance. But little attention was, however, paid to these warnings, and in most cases it was hoped there would be none, for all were served alike. Occasionally a family would take the matter to heart seriously, and leave the town.

Mr. Ward, in his genealogy of the Rice family, says that in one instance where this was done to a family of property and good standing, who came into Massachusetts from another state, where the practice was not known, were very much astonished when the notice to leave the town was served upon them. They thought so seriously of the matter, that finally the husband inquired of the wife what it could mean. Said she, "I cannot, for the life of me, imagine what it is for. Have you said or done anything here to give offence?" said she, looking into his face. "I have done no more than civilly pass the time o' day with the people since we have been here," said he. "Well, then," said the good wife, "who knows but what they think we have got the small-pox?" Thus they queried, but could not account for it. The husband, having lain awake all the night long thinking about it, said to his wife in the morning,—*"I am going to pack up our things and go somewhere else, for this is no great of a place after all."*

The following is the form of the warrant issued in such a case :

Hillsborough SS.

To Mr. Jonas Bowman, constable for the Town of Henniker in said County, Greeting :

Whereas several Persons have come into this town lately

which may Becom inhabitants if not warned out, and are likely to Becom a Town Charge in any time of sickness or adversity; viz: Charles Greenfield and his wife hannah, and his son David, and his Daughters Hannah and Patty, who came from Boscawen this Province into this town in the month of December, 1758, And Also Thomas Pingree and Mary his wife and his son Pearsons, and his Daughters Mary and Sarah, who came to this town from New Rowley in the Province of Massachusetts in the month of December, 1785.

You are therefore required to Warn and Notify all and each of these Persons to Depart out of this Town as they will then contempt under the penalty of the law.

Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant with your doings thereon as soon as may be.

Dated at Henniker aforesaid, this thirteenth day of December A. D. 1785.

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| Robert Wallace, | } Selectmen of Henniker. |
| James Joslyn | |
| David Campbell, | |

The constable made his return upon the back of the warrant as follows :

Hillsborough ss, Henniker, January 1st, 1785.

In obedience to the within warrant, I have warned all and each of the within mentioned persons forthwith to Depart out of This Town as the Law directs.

Jonas Bowman, Constable for said Henniker.

August 16, 1784, the following persons were warned out of town :

Joseph Basford and Anne his Wife from the town of Ware, and Mary Andrews from Hillsboro.

December 19, 1784, the following persons were warned out :

Jabez Alexander and Louis his wife, and his Daughter Dor-kis, and his sons Benjamin and Callop.

Mr. Alexander had been a faithful soldier of the Revolution, and among the battles in which he took part was that of Bennington. As a reward for his services, now that the

war was over, and he and his family were liable to need assistance, they were warned to leave the town. As this may seem unjust, and to some inhuman, I am pleased to record the fact that no notice was taken of the warning, and that his family and himself were well provided for by the town whenever they needed any assistance.

These "cautions" were modified in after years, so as to include only those who it was feared might become really a charge upon the town, and about the beginning of the present century it was discontinued altogether. But few persons settled here for the first forty years after the original settlement, who did not receive this notice. In the light of these days it seems an inhuman custom, but viewed from the point of our forefathers, it seemed quite necessary, and withal just.

FIRST BAPTISM.

Jacob Barnes, son of Silas and Betsey Barnes, and Ruth Harthorn, daughter of Dea. Ebenezer and Rhoda Harthorn, were the first two children baptized in this town. They were "sprinkled," and were named Jacob and Ruth, for Mr. Rice and his wife. Mr. Rice performed the ceremony,—when, it is not known; but as both were born in June, 1769,—Jacob the 4th and Ruth the 5th,—the act of sprinkling must have taken place before the log meeting-house was built; and it was, without much doubt, done in the house of Silas Barnes, where the meetings were generally held.

ROADS LAID OUT.

In addition to the roads mentioned in the previous pages as being laid out, the following are some of the older ones:

The road over Crancy hill was laid out by Silas Barnes and William Kimball, selectmen, in 1772. John Putney lived in the last house in the township, over the hill, and the road terminated at his house. It ran by no house at that

time, after leaving Mr. Putney's, until Jonas Bowman's was reached. This was on what is now known as the old Hardy place, near the foot of the hill.

Another road was laid out the same year, and by the same selectmen, leading from Wm. Peters's across the lots owned by Jonathan Robinson and Thomas Wallace, and the Rice lot, and Jonathan Temple's lot to his saw-mill on Good or Saw-mill brook.

The road from the "Oak-trees" across the plain was laid out Feb. 15, 1782. It was afterwards straightened, and laid out nearer the bank of the river. At the end of the road a gate was placed, through which all travel had to pass on its way up or down.

Several roads were laid out during the Revolution, of which there are no returns upon the records of the town. The returns were probably made properly to the town, but failed of being recorded. These roads were mostly those which have since been discontinued, and were mostly short pieces of road. The most important of these was the road laid out over Goss hill to Bradford line, over which all the travel to that town and above passed in those early days. Another one was the road leading from the school-house in "Westborough corner," up to the Gibsons' and the Colbys', then settling in the more westerly part of the town; also a road leading from the same point to Hillsborough line, as now trod. There was as yet no communication with the town of Warner, upon the north. In 1798 a road was laid out from the Centre bridge sixty rods north. A road had been laid out running from Centre bridge, on the north and east side of the river, down to the Lower Mills, to be four rods in width. All other roads, save the one from Hopkinton to Hillsborough, were laid out two rods wide. A road had been laid out during the Revolution, running up through "Shabica," commencing near the present residence of Mr. Washington C. Cogswell, and thence to the south side of Warner line. A few settlers lived upon this road; but the

soil being poor, and the rocks in too great abundance, the farms were mostly abandoned. In 1812 the road was discontinued, on condition "that gates should be kept by the settlers upon the north and south ends of the road, so that people might pass and repass by shutting the gates."

In 1806 some of the residents of the lower part of the town petitioned that a road be laid out and built from the Joseph Plummer place up to Nathaniel Noyes's, and to straighten other parts of the main road from Hopkinton to Hillsborough. The request of the petitioners was granted by a court's committee, but the town refused to build the roads as laid out. At the November term of the court in 1810, the roads were indicted by the grand jury, then in session at Hopkinton. In 1811 the town asked permission of the court to discontinue all the roads that had been laid out by the committee. Permission was granted, and this was done in August of this year. In 1813, however, the request of the petitioners was again granted, and the selectmen laid out the roads as requested, and they were speedily built.

A road was laid out about this time, to commence at the terminus of the road that had been laid out from the centre bridge, sixty rods north, and to terminate at the south line of Warner. This road ran through the "Wallace swamp," and thence around by the Clarks', Gordons', and Connors'.

The year 1821 found roads running to nearly or quite all the principal points of the town. A good many of the older ones had been discontinued, and many new ones built. At the laying out of the township, it will be remembered that land was reserved between the range-ways, for the building of roads. Upon many of these reservations no roads had been built, and they had been absorbed by one settler and another until they had all disappeared.

In 1820 an article was placed in the warrant for the annual meeting, "to see if the town would instruct the selectmen to claim, in behalf of the town, the land so reserved

that had not been appropriated for roads." The town did not see their way clear to do so, but chose Hon. Joshua Darling as an agent to consult some eminent authority in regard to the matter, and make his report to the town. There is no record of the report. The matter was abandoned.

In 1824 a petition was numerously signed, and presented to the selectmen, requesting them to lay out a road from the old road, terminating near the present residence of Washington C. Cogswell, up to Bradford line. The selectmen, agreeable to the request, upon January 19th of this year laid out the desired road, with the understanding that it should be built immediately. The town, however, voted to discontinue the road, and nothing more was done with it this year. The petitioners applied to the court for a committee to lay out the desired road. It was granted, and the road was laid out by a court's committee, April 27, 1825. The road was built that and the next season, and was opened for travel in the summer of 1826.

The shortest piece of road ever laid out in the town was in 1828. This road ran from the lower mills, then owned by Messrs. Chase & Gordon, to the clothing-mill of Luther Harthorn, where the kitt-works now are. This piece of road was six rods in length and two rods in width. The town, as a whole, has always been noted for the good condition of its roads, save when in contention in regard to any of them.

FIRST BLACKSMITH SHOP.

The first blacksmith shop erected in Henniker was a log one, and was built before the Revolution, by Baracas Farnham or Farnum. It was situated on the north side of the road, about ten rods westerly of the present residence of Kendall Whitcomb. One account says the shop was built by a Mr. Cochran, but as the two men were here at the same time, and both resided near by the shop, being relatives, we will divide the honor between them. Mr. Whit-

comb has often ploughed up cinders where the old shop used to stand.

Dea. Cochran was probably the workman mostly employed in the shop, for Mr. Farnham turned his attention to the erection of a saw-mill a little easterly from the present residence of George E. Barnes. In a short time afterwards another shop was erected, in the south-east part of the town, near by the store of Gideon Adams. John Campbell, who lived where Mr. Copp now resides, erected one on his farm at the close of the Revolution. Shops were soon after erected at the main village and at West Henniker.

COLORED PEOPLE.

In the earlier settlement of the town, the colored people were quite numerous, living in families of their own, or as servants in other families.

The first colored person that came to town was a woman. She came with the family of Capt. Eliakim How, in June, 1763. She considered herself a slave for life, and was deemed as such by the laws of this province, as well as the province of Massachusetts. Her name cannot be ascertained.

A few others came here as servants for families, but it is believed that Maj. Jeremiah Crocker was the first to bring his family here. Mr. Crocker was born, as he supposed, in Natick, Mass., and was a drummer for several years during the Revolution. He came to this town in 1780, with Thaddeus Gibson, in whose family he and his family resided quite a number of years. He was given the title of "Major" by his friends, for his services in the Revolutionary war. His family consisted of himself, his wife Rose, his two children Salmon and Irene, and his sister Irene. He lived with his family, for several years, on the bank of the river northerly from the present stone house of Mrs. Tucker. He afterwards lived in a little house near the present residence of Fitz C. Courser. Having outlived his family, he went to reside in the family of John Stuart, who lived

in a small house which once stood under the bank, opposite the entrance to the new cemetery, easterly from the village, where he passed the remainder of his days, and where he died June 14, 1836. His exact age was unknown, but from the most reliable data that could be obtained he was believed to have been a centenarian, and the fact was recorded upon his tombstone. The good old man will still be remembered by many. He was genial and large-hearted, and was ever a welcome guest in whatever house he saw fit to enter. He used to relate a good many little anecdotes of his service life. Being extremely fond of music, and himself an excellent singer, he often dropped into a neighbor's house of an evening, saying, "This is a bright, moonlight evening, and I thought I would just drop in and sing a few tunes with you;" and having had his little sing, he passed on to cheer the home of some other neighbor. He was a great lover of children, who looked upon the major's visits as the brightest moments of their little lives, as they clambered upon his knees, and listened to his very pleasing stories. The major was very fond of military display. Upon training and muster-days he always appeared with his uniform on, and considered it his duty to be near the soldiers to attend to their every want; and particularly did they think that from the hand of no one else but the major could they receive the refreshments served to them, whether liquor or water. He considered it a great privilege to do the same, and he bandied many a joke, and his countenance lit up with pleasure as he passed down the line, saying to one and another, "Great doin's to-day, sir." The major was a regular attendant at church, as were most of the colored people of the town, sitting in one of the little square pews in the gallery at the end of the singing-seats, in the old meeting-house; and in other churches in the first pew from the wall, at the entrance of the building. These were called the "negro pews." The high esteem in which the major was held was evinced by the very large concourse of people

that assembled at his funeral. Rev. Mr. Scales preached a very appropriate discourse upon the occasion. Among the families in which the major was a great favorite was that of Dr. Amos Whitney, who resided in the southerly part of the town, upon the place now owned and occupied by Chas. Stevens and his mother. The doctor died quite young, and his widow married Jasper Temple, a wealthy bachelor residing near by. Rev. Mr. Sawyer went down and married them, and on his way back, meeting the major, expressed a great deal of surprise at his not being present at the wedding. "No," said the major, sorrowfully, "me was not there." "Well," said Mr. Sawyer, "then I will give you one half of all I got for marrying them;" and he handed the major twenty-five cents, saying as he did so, "I got fifty cents for going down and doing the job."

His son Salmon married Phillis Moore, a colored woman, in 1799, by whom he had two children, Irene and Violet.

Close by Maj. Crocker's, and near the site of the stone house, lived Cæsar Bradish and his family, consisting of his wife, son, and daughter. There also lived in his family a while, a young colored man by the name of Nero Prince. He married Mr. Bradish's daughter, but after living with her a while, he deserted her on account of her intemperate habits, left the town, and went to sea, and finally became a servant in the family of the czar of Russia. He was highly valued by his royal master, and after several years of faithful service he came to this country upon a visit, and was here and attended church Dec. 27, 1823. He was dressed in fine livery, and had his colored waiter. He created quite a sensation. When he left town he went to Salem, Mass., where he married a colored woman, with whom he returned to Russia, where he passed the remainder of his days.

John Haskell lived with Stephen Burnham, in the south-westerly part of the town. He married a white woman, and when he was asked why he did so, replied,—“Because all the colored women feel themselves too good for me.”

London Mero and his family, consisting of a wife and several children, lived in the south-westerly part of the town, near the Gould Harriman place. The name of one of his sons was Alpheus.

Holden Green was a son of Jack Green, who, with his family, lived in town for several years. Holden was a servant for many years in the family of Lieut. Francis Bowman.

“Dick Boston” (his real name was never known) lived some time in the family of Jonathan Eastman. He came here from Boston,—hence his name.

Violet, daughter of Maj. Crocker, was for many years a servant in the family of Elisha Barnes. Thomas Wilson, who lived in the south-westerly part of the town, had a servant familiarly known as Violet. Her surname was never known. Maj. David Campbell had a servant in his family only known by the same name, Violet. The name of another colored woman was Phillis Sweeting, who worked in different families.

Drover Minor had a family consisting of a wife and several children, one of whom was Miriam.

Lancaster Hodges, born in Danvers, Mass., came to town when a lad, and resided in Capt. Timothy Gibson’s family. He went with him to Brownfield, Me., where he died in 1878, aged 107 years.

These constitute largely the colored people that have lived in town at different times. But few colored persons have lived in town any length of time since the death of Maj. Crocker, and none have resided here since 1849, to make a permanent abode. These colored people were, as a class, peaceable and quiet, and most of them industrious. They mingled freely with the people of the town, by whom they were ever treated kindly and pleasantly. They suffered but little for the necessaries of life, for many families were ever providing them and their families with food and clothing, and saw that they did not suffer or want.

CHAPTER XIX.

CELEBRATION, JULY 4, 1811—PEACE, 1815—JULY 4, 1816—
FOREFATHER'S DAY, DEC. 22, 1820—JANUARY 8, 1829—
LIBERTY POLE—JULY 4, 1840—JULY 4, 1820—PREMIUMS—
RELICS—GREAT FIRE, 1829—REWARD—PROFANE SWEAR-
ING—TOWN STANDARD OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES—
SOME BILLS PAID—POTATOES—POTASH—BRIDGE-BUILD-
ERS—DEAF AND DUMB EXHIBITION—ESTRAYS—POVERTY
YEAR—GRASSHOPPER YEAR—FIRST WAGON—FIRST
CHAISE—A GREAT EXHIBITION—SEASON OF 1820—RE-
CEIPTS—FIRST STAGE—GREAT TEAMS—ANECDOTES—
COLD FRIDAY, 1810—FEARLESS HORSEBACK RIDING.

THE most spirited and extensive celebration of our nation's birthday, in this town, took place upon July 4th, 1811. The people, without distinction of sect or party, with a generosity that even then had become proverbial in the towns round about, and which, at this later period, has in no wise diminished, "killed the fatted calf," and invited the people of the neighboring towns to join with them in celebrating the day, and to partake of their hospitality. The day was ushered in by the firing of salutes by the Warner Artillery and the artillery attached to the 26th Regiment. The people began early to pour into Henniker from all the neighboring towns, on foot, on horseback, and in large and small wagons. All assembled upon the common near the Congregational church. Samuel Wilson was the marshal of the day, assisted by several aids, one of whom was Silas Harthorn. About ten o'clock a procession was formed, and escorted by the cavalry belonging to the Twen-

ty-sixth Regiment, commanded by Capt. Samuel Barnes, of Hillsborough, the artillery belonging to the Twenty-sixth Regiment, commanded by Capt. Chafes, the Warner Artillery, commanded by Capt. Ames, the Hillsborough Grenadiers, commanded by Capt. Solomon McNeil, and the two militia companies belonging to this town, and marched over to the common near the old meeting-house, where all were provided with punch and lemonade, as best suited their taste; thence back to the Congregational church, in which as many as possible crowded, where a very appropriate and patriotic prayer was offered by Rev. Moses Sawyer, and an able oration pronounced by Hon. Matthew Harvey, of Hopkinton. After the exercises at the church were concluded, the procession was re-formed, and marched across the river to the common, where a table had been spread ninety rods in length, forming three sides of a square, in the rear of the old meeting-house, and covered with an immense amount of meats, white and brown bread, pies, cakes, and great quantities of cheese. In the centre of the table stood "the fatted calf," roasted whole by the family of Samuel Wadsworth. The calf was arranged upon the table in the act of running, his tail turned up, and his mouth containing a pickle. It is estimated that there were at least three thousand people present. All were well furnished with refreshments, and none were known to go away hungry.

Hon. Joshua Darling presided upon the occasion, and there assembled at his house a large number of the more distinguished guests of the day, to partake of his hospitality. Mrs. Hannah Ramsdell, mother of Rebecca, who had had much experience in hotels in Boston as a cook, had the oversight of the cooking, and the arranging of the tables at the judge's house. After this repast was partaken of, the company were called to order, and eighteen different sentiments were offered, which were responded to by the Johnsons and Pierces of Hillsborough, the Chases, Harrises, and Harveys of Hopkinton and Warner, Hon. Robert Wallace,

Hon. Joshua Darling, and Rev. Moses Sawyer of this town, and others. Among the sentiments were,—“The Day we celebrate,” “The immortal Washington, and the Heroes of the Revolution,” “The President of the United States,” “The Governor of New Hampshire,” “The Militia,” “The Congress,” “Our Colleges, Academies, and Schools,” “The Fair Daughters of Columbia.” At the reading of each sentiment there was firing by the artillery, posted in the field in front of the judge’s house, and by muskets. Upon the common, after the tables had been cleared, there were spirited addresses by several persons belonging to this and other towns, and the drinking of punch and lemonade. The exercises lasted until quite late in the afternoon, when, the tables having been nearly cleared and the punch and lemonade drank up, the military and the people quietly dispersed. Henniker people were highly satisfied with their endeavors to make the occasion a pleasant one to their invited friends and guests; the people from the neighboring towns returned home extolling the generosity and great hospitality of the people of this town, who had borne the whole expense of feeding this large gathering. The day was one of intense heat, and for long years afterward, any unusually warm day was pronounced to be “as hot as Independence day.” The season was a very dry one, and water in the wells at the village was quite low. A great deal of the water used that day was drawn in barrels upon drags by oxen, from the well at the house of Nathaniel Noyes, Esq., two miles below the village. The provisions with which to feed this multitude were mostly stored the night before in Mr. Edward Whitman’s store, while the barrels of West India rum, and the boxes of lemons for the punch and lemonade, were stored in the school-house on the common near Mr. Cressey’s, in which building the drinks were mixed.

The day passed off very quietly, and although rum and punch were more plenty than water, it is said that not a single person was seen intoxicated during the day. Upon this, as

upon all other public occasions, Major Crocker was on hand, and in his glory. He was dressed in his uniform, and as he passed back and forth among the people, with a very polite air he would exclaim, "Goin' to be great doin's to-day, sir!" The music of the day was a very prominent feature of the celebration. John Connor furnished the music out-of-doors and in the church, and never did he do better. At the church several patriotic pieces were sung. The band that led the procession was a novel one: the instruments consisted of violins, bass viols, double-base viol, and clarinets,—played respectively by John and George Connor, Elias Gould, Micah Howe, Dyer Abbott, Imri Woods, and David Wooster. Josiah Edwards, of Weare, was also present with his bassoon. This was the first stringed band of such numbers ever heard in the streets of the village.

CELEBRATION OF PEACE, 1815.

The battle of New Orleans, won so brilliantly by Gen. Jackson on the 8th day of January, 1815, by the land forces, was the decisive stroke of the war. Very soon after, a vessel arrived in Boston from England, bringing the joyful news that a treaty of peace had been concluded, awaiting only its ratification by this government. February 18th, President Madison announced in a message that peace had been established between this country and England. The news was everywhere hailed with delight. Although there had been serious divisions between the people in regard to the prosecution of the war, now that peace had been declared, all parties joined in mutual congratulations. The news spread rapidly, and many people were summoned from their midnight slumbers to hear the glad announcement. Meetings were held all over the country, and the President recommended and appointed a day of national thanksgiving. A messenger, riding post-haste from Concord, passed through this town early on the morning of

Feb. 24, halting only long enough to proclaim the glad tidings, and then left to gladden the hearts of the people in the neighboring towns. The news was carried to all parts of the town, and the people assembled in the village in large numbers. A meeting was summoned to convene at the Congregational church; a section of the Warner Artillery was posted on the knoll in front of Judge Darling's store, which stood where Mrs. Nehemiah Colby now resides, while a company of boys, with a small "swivel," paraded the streets, firing at will.

A very large concourse assembled at the church, where Rev. Mr. Sawyer read the 118th Psalm, and short congratulatory speeches were made by several of the prominent citizens of the town. John Connor, with his choir and his musicians, was present, and discoursed most excellent music. The chief piece sung upon the occasion was the "Ode to Science."

At the conclusion of the exercises at the house, Judge Darling mounted a hogshead in front of the church, and read the sentiments appropriate to the occasion. Each sentiment was responded to by the artillery. The Judge's sentiment was, "Now we may again sit under our own vine and fig-tree, with none to molest us or make us afraid." In the evening there was a general illumination of the houses, not only in the village, but the larger and more prominent houses on the hills and in the valleys of the good old town. The Congregational church was illuminated very extensively. Candles fastened upon boards were placed at every pane of glass in its windows, and lanterns were suspended from the belfry. The house of Capt. John C. Proctor, on Federal hill, was beautifully illuminated, presenting a fine sight to the dwellers in the village below. A spirit of emulation pervaded all hearts, and all were most profuse in their joyful exclamations. It *was* a joyous occasion!—for the declaration of peace meant that the soldier had exchanged the toils of the camp for the blessings of home. It meant that agri-

culture, which had been partially neglected during the war, was again to be pursued and to flourish ; that commerce was to assume her wonted activity ; and that the nation was to take another step forward, occupying her place among the first nations of the earth. And by none was this hailed with greater delight than by our liberty-loving citizens, who had been among the first to respond to the call for men at the commencement of the war, and one of the most joyful of communities to welcome home its sons when the war was over.

CELEBRATION, JULY 4, 1816.

The celebration of July 4, of this year, was after the manner of the one celebrated in town five years before. It was observed with great spirit, though not so extensively as in 1811. A table was spread upon the common, and the people of other towns were invited. The "fatted calf" was roasted whole, by the family of William Bowman. A procession was formed on the common, near the old meeting-house, which marched to the Congregational church, where an oration was delivered, after which the procession returned to the south side of the river, and partook of the eatables, which were spread in great profusion upon the tables. The usual sentiments were given and responded to by speech and by firing from the artillery.

This day witnessed the raising of the first "liberty-pole" in this town. This was raised a little north of the east end of the meeting-house. A rope was rigged in it, and after it was raised to its position and secured, Capt. James Yaulding, who had been an old sea-captain, and who at this time was the owner of the Lower mills, "shinned" the pole to its top and back again, much to the delight of the younger portion of the assembled multitude, as nothing like it had ever been seen here before.

The usual amount of rum punch and lemonade was disposed of, and all dispersed to their homes at night, feeling

that their duty had been done in celebrating the day in a becoming manner. This celebration was not as joyous as was that of five years preceding. That terrible scourge, the spotted fever, had just passed through the town, and many a family, hitherto healthy and happy, was now sitting in mourning for the loved ones who had gone out from their homes and darkened them forever. The year was also an extremely cold one. Crops of all kinds were very limited, and fears for the future were entertained to a large extent; and so this celebration, although spirited, does not seem to have been a very satisfactory one, and all became most fully convinced that a "poverty year" was no year in which to indulge in celebrations of any kind. Several years passed before there was another celebration in this town upon the 4th of July.

FOREFATHERS' DAY.

The two hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth was duly observed in this town Dec. 22, 1820. A very large concourse of people assembled at the Congregational church, where a very appropriate discourse was delivered by Rev. Moses Sawyer, pastor of the church. The theme of his discourse was the contrast between the time of the first landing of the Pilgrim fathers two hundred years previous, and the time of this celebration, depicting the sufferings and the hardships of those stern but faithful people, and all encountered in consequence of their great desire to worship God freely and without molestation:

"Who dared the pathless ocean,
And the untrodden West,
To find for Faith a refuge,
And for their children, rest."

He then showed the goodness of God in showering his blessings upon their posterity, in causing the wilderness "to bud and blossom as the rose," and in filling the whole land

with peace and plenty; and he impressed upon his hearers the duty of remembering the Pilgrim fathers and their stern virtues.

CELEBRATION JANUARY 8, 1829.

This was the first political celebration that the town had witnessed. Party feeling ran nigh. Gen. Jackson had just been elected president, and was to be inaugurated upon the 4th of March following. The good people of this town, who were his partisans, determined to celebrate the 8th of January, which had become historic on account of the brilliant battle of New Orleans the 8th of January, 1815, of which battle Gen. Jackson was the hero. The people of the neighboring towns were invited, and came in large numbers. The artillery belonging to the 26th Regiment came from Peterborough and vicinity the night before, and camped near Phinehas Campbell's. The artillery was commanded by the heroic Gen. Miller, who, when asked if he could capture an English battery that was making terrible havoc among the Federal troops at the battle of Lundy's Lane, replied modestly, "I'll try, sir." He did try, and but a few minutes passed before the battery was in his hands. The gallant old hero commanded his company in this town upon that day, with all the vigor of fourteen years before. The Warner Artillery, commanded by Capt. Henry B. Chase, came over the night before, and encamped in the field near Judge Darling's. There had been no snow yet for sleighing. The morning of the 8th opened cold and with a fall of snow, notwithstanding which the artillery posted upon each side of the river ushered in the day with noisy demonstrations. A procession was formed near the Congregational church, and marched to the old town-house.

Hon. Joshua Darling was president of the day. The Rev. Jacob Scales opened the meeting with prayer. The oration was delivered by Franklin Pierce, afterwards president of the United States. He was then twenty-five years of age,

and had been admitted to the bar. This was the first political oration he had delivered, he having become the fall previous a strong partisan of Gen. Jackson. At the close of the oration, the audience marched to the hotel close by, kept by Perley Howe, who furnished a substantial dinner for all who wished. At its close a large number of patriotic sentiments were read. The artillery were posted upon a little knoll north-east from Mr. Cressey's. Mr. Howe was stationed in one of the windows of the hotel, with a small flag in his hand, and when a sentiment was read, he signalled to the artillery, which responded by firing.

The artillery and most of the people from the neighboring towns returned to their homes that night, but the people of Henniker, with most of their distinguished guests of the day, indulged in a ball that evening at the hotel, where the night was nearly passed away before the celebration was at an end.

LIBERTY-POLE.

During the celebration Jan. 8, 1829, the halyards upon the liberty-pole, from which the flag was floating, became foul, and refused, as a consequence, to render. It became necessary that some one should ascend the pole, as the trouble was in the truck at its top. Jacob Gordon, then a spry, quick-witted young man, volunteered his services, which were accepted. Pulling off his boots, he ascended part way up the pole, stopped, pulled off his stockings, and was soon at the top with one of his arms over the wooden fish that surmounted the pole, lowered a line, drew up a shingle, and, taking his jack-knife from his pocket, fitted it as he wished, and then making it fast, came down all right, save with having his feet badly chilled. It was a daring deed, the wind blowing fiercely, and the pole surging badly, showing great coolness and courage upon Mr. Gordon's part.

CELEBRATION, JULY 4. 1840.

The people of this town, having the spirit of patriotism still burning in their bosoms, celebrated the 4th of July this year in a highly appropriate and patriotic manner. The celebration consisted in part of an oration, and an Indian fight and capture. The militia of the town, at that time, consisted of the Rifles, the Grenadiers, which company had just been formed, and two companies of raw militia. All were out in full force upon this occasion. Quite a company of men and boys, dressed in the costume of Indians, encountered the militia. They scouted the woods and the hills, with a lurking eye upon the white man. The troops were then thrown out in various directions, with a view to surround, if possible, the Indians in the woods, within one or two miles of the village. While this was going on, a very large number of people assembled in the old town-house at two o'clock in the afternoon, and listened to an oration by James M. Campbell, Esq. This was his first public oration, and was delivered in an energetic, prompt, and pleasing manner, giving entire satisfaction to his attentive audience. During its delivery several of the Indians crept into the meeting-house, keeping an eye out for the soldiers, and, stopping a few minutes, were away again for the woods east and west of the village. Col. Imri Woods presided upon the occasion, with his usual courtesy and dignity. The sham fight was kept up till quite late in the afternoon, when, after much manœuvring on the part of both the soldiers and the Indians, the latter were surrounded, captured, and taken into the village, amid the cheers of a large number of people who had watched the fight with a great deal of pleasure. The day was pleasant, and although this year was noted for its extensive political campaign, the people were united in this celebration, which passed off to the complete satisfaction of all. No Indians have been seen in this town since that day.

FOURTH OF JULY, 1820.

The Fourth of July of this year witnessed a very pleasing and interesting gathering at Amherst, then the other half-shire town of Hillsborough county. Congress had passed an act granting pensions to the surviving soldiers of the Revolution. The applications for these pensions were made through the courts of the state. On that day the Court of Common Pleas for Hillsborough county, of which court Hon. Joshua Darling of this town was an associate justice, met at Amherst to receive applications, of which one hundred and forty were presented, mostly by the soldiers personally. These old soldiers were represented as "being bowed down with age and infirmities, pinched with poverty, and worn out with the labors of life: their claims to national gratitude seemed stamped on their visage."

At noon-time, between the sessions of the court, about one hundred of these veterans assembled upon the common at the roll of the drum, and formed a line, the man on the right being 99 years of age, and who marched, it was said, "with as much precision as a man of fifty." Their commander was Capt. Zaccheus Walker, of New Ipswich. The drums and the fifes were played by their own number. After marching around the common, accompanied by Gen. Benjamin Pierce, of Hillsborough, and Judge Darling, of this town, they proceeded to the residence of Hon. Clifton Claggett, member of Congress from this district, and who had been quite influential in procuring the passage of the act granting these pensions, where pleasant little speeches were made by some of the leading men present. At the conclusion of Judge Darling's very eloquent speech to the old patriots before him, he gave the following sentiment: "The surviving patriots of the Revolution: May they long live to enjoy a rich reward from a grateful country, under the auspices of our happy government, to which their services so greatly contributed."

PREMIUMS.

At the agricultural fair for Hillsborough county, held at Francestown, Oct. 17, 1823, the following premiums were awarded to citizens of Henniker :

John Johnson, for the best field of barley in the county, \$5 ; for the best yoke of working cattle, \$4.

Mrs. Mary P. Darling, for the best piece of linen exhibited at the fair, \$4 ; for the best pair of knit hose exhibited at the fair, \$2.

RELICS.

Robert Harriman has in his possession an old chest that his great-grandfather upon his mother's side brought from England. His name was Jere Baal, which name could be distinctly seen upon the lid of the chest until within a very few years. The chest is upwards of two hundred years old. He has, also, a pair of tongs, descended from the same source, and brought from England at the same time as the chest. Maj. Moses Harriman, a brother of Robert's grandfather, was a soldier in the Revolution. The sword and belt he wore during the war are in Robert Harriman's possession. Maj. Harriman married for his second wife a woman who was for many years a servant in the family of Gen. Washington. Previous to her marriage, Mrs. Washington gave her a nice veil,—a white one with a deep border : the veil will now hardly hold its own weight when taken up. Mr. Harriman has this in his possession. He has also a piece of a solid mahogany bedstead that once belonged to John Quincy Adams, it being a present to him by the king of England, while a minister to his court from this country. It came into Mr. Harriman's possession by Mr. Farrar, Mr. Adams's gardener, to whom he gave it. The bedstead afterwards belonged to John Peters, who sawed it into knobs for drawers.

L. W. Cogswell has in his possession eight sleigh-bells

that were brought to this country in 1635 by his ancestor, John Cogswell, the first settler at Ipswich, Mass. They must be at least 250 years old, and are in an excellent state of preservation. He also has an exact copy of the will made by Edward, father of John Cogswell, in 1615 ; also, a piece of carved work, done in England in 1668, the figures being upon the upper side of the same ; also, a Dutch tile, taken from an old mansion in New Jersey, built over two hundred years ago.

Hiram Rice has a looking-glass his grandfather picked up on the retreat from the battle of Bunker Hill. It became broken, and two smaller ones were made from it. The frame was made by Mr. Rice's father, and is a good specimen of the carpenter work done in those olden days.

Willard Rice has the original deed for his homestead, conveyed to his grandfather, Sept. 10, 1768, by William Eastman, of Hopkinton. Thirty acres were deeded for sixteen pounds and ten shillings. The witnesses to the deed are John Putney and Ezekiel Smith.

Oliver H. Noyes has a deed given by Thomas Stone, the fourth settler in town, to his son Thomas, Feb. 25, 1767. The witnesses are James and Susanna Scales. Thirty-five acres of land were deeded for nine pounds lawful money.

These are only a few of many rare and valuable relics to be found in the homes of this town.

GREAT FIRE OF 1829.

The summer of 1829 had been exceedingly dry, and almost every green thing was parched and burned. The feed in the pastures upon the hills was crisp and dry. The leaves in the forests were as brown and sear, in many places, as though an early frost had overtaken them. Everything was like the tinder in the box, and often was the remark made, "What a terrible time this would be for a fire!" And so it was, although every one lived in hopes one would not occur. But come it did, at last, on the 7th of September, before any

frost had been seen, or any refreshing rain had fallen. A little before noon of this day, smoke was seen rising to the north and north-west of the two villages. As the cloud increased, people watched it with anxious eyes and with hearts full of evil forebodings, almost whispering to each other, as they wondered where and what that cloud of smoke could be. They had not long to wait, for before noon a man on horseback, his horse white with foam, came rushing into the main village, bringing the sad tidings that in burning a little brush on the farm of Moses Colby, in the south part of Bradford, the fire became unmanageable, and was then sweeping with irresistible fury down towards the villages; and unless it could be checked at some point on the hills above the villages, only the waters of the Contoocook could stop it.

The people turned out *en masse*, equipped with buckets, pails, axes, shovels, and hoes, and hastily ascended to the top of the hill north-westerly from the village, where a dreaded sight was seen. The fire was sweeping down over all the range westerly of Ammi brook, away beyond Nathaniel Clough's, the present residence of Levi B. Davis. Mr. Clough's buildings were yet standing, and thither hastened a large force of men. When they reached the house, the goods were being taken out, with the expectation that it could not be saved. It was immediately suggested by Edmund Mirick that the goods be placed back in the house, and counter fires be set in the fences near by, which suggestion was immediately carried into effect. In addition, several barrels of water were placed near the house, in case they should be needed. The counter fires operated successfully, and in two hours the house was safe, but standing in a burned space, with nothing to be seen on either side save the blackened track of the fire. The fire now swept away to the eastward and southward, running close to Eliphalet Day's saw-mill, in the edge of Warner, on the Bradford road, and thence down both sides of Ammi brook, burning up a

saw-mill and house situated on the brook a little north-west of the junction of the Bradford road, and the road leading to Mink hills, belonging to Mr. Clough. Onward swept the fire; the forests crackled and hissed, as great maples several feet in diameter were licked up like so much chaff, and the huge pines fell with a crash as the fire king loosed them from the stump. The stock in the pastures, consisting of cattle, horses, and sheep, were running before it in all directions,—some into the woods, only to be suffocated with the smoke; others were overtaken by the devouring flames, and soon became lifeless. It was most truly a scene of terror. The fire was now extending several miles in width, and sweeping on through the pastures, from hill to hill, laughing at all efforts to check its career.

At this time the people in the village began to be seriously alarmed for their safety. The people who went to the assistance of Mr. Clough had gone around the flames to the westward and joined the force upon the top of the hill in the rear of William Bowman's house (present residence of Wesley Felch), where it had been determined to make a stand, and, if possible, to stop it from going down the hill into the villages below. At this point hundreds of men, women, and boys had assembled. Teams were immediately set to work hauling water in barrels from the river and brook near the present residence of Warren S. Childs. Trenches were dug, the ground wet with water, and hand-brushes prepared in case they should be wanted. Still on came the fire, with its roaring, its hissing, and its terrific heat; but as it approached it only quickened the labors of the people, who were determined to be able to say to it "Thus far shalt thou go, and no farther," when it should come up with them; but as it came nearer and nearer, the stoutest hearts began to doubt their ability to check it. Just as the danger seemed the most imminent, a glad sign appeared. To the eastward, the fire, having reached some low ground upon the Ammi brook, had slackened its

pace and its fury. The belt of fire was narrower, and although it was still burning fearfully in some places, it soon became apparent that it was losing its force. With an impetuous will, the heroic multitude, with deafening cheers, rushed forward, met the fire, and gave it fight, contesting every inch of the ground, until at last their efforts were rewarded by seeing its advance checked and stopped, but not until the fire could be seen from both villages on the southerly side of the hill.

But although checked, the fire was not subdued. It still lay in the woods, in stumps of trees, and in fences, ready to break out again at the slightest fanning. The road from this town to Bradford had been built but a few years. In many of the low places the road-bed had been "corduroyed" by placing logs and covering them with earth. These logs took fire and burned for days, entirely consuming the road wherever they had been lain. Mr. Clough's house and saw-mill, which were burned, were unoccupied. These were the only buildings destroyed. On the night of the fire many a thankful prayer was offered up in the villages that all was safe again with them.

By night and by day, for three weeks, were men constantly on duty watching the fire and keeping it under control; and glad were the hearts of all when the autumnal rains began to descend and smother the fires that were yet defying the efforts of man to extinguish them. The country over which the fire ran presented a desolate scene. "Blackness of darkness" was written upon every visible thing. The pastures were bare, the feed all destroyed. The forests were leafless; and the bodies of great trees, stripped of their branches, stood like so many sentinels, their heads towering above the desolate scene around them. The rains of the next season, however, caused the grass to spring up luxuriantly; but for long years the track of the fire was distinctly visible. Even now, after the lapse of fifty years, some tokens of that terrible fire are to be seen. A portion of this district has

been burned in several places since, but none of the fires have been anything when compared with the great fire of 1829.

\$25 REWARD.

Oliver Noyes, one of the old settlers of the town, was often annoyed by some persons who he supposed were not very friendly to him. At one time this amusement upon the part of the doer was carried so far as to call from Mr. Noyes the following, which was printed in the *New Hampshire Patriot*, Jan. 14, 1828 :

\$25.00 REWARD.

Whereas, the subscriber, on or about the first of November last, tied his horse, with a carriage, at store near Centre Bridge in Henniker, for the purpose of transacting some business at said store. Then and there, some evil-minded person, on account, as I have reason to believe, of my political or religious opinions, so cut and damaged my harness as to endanger my life and property in an imminent degree, having a high-spirited horse, and with much difficulty made my escape unhurt; and this being the second time I have been injured in the same way by evil-minded persons near said store. The above reward is offered to any person who will furnish evidence, so that the person or persons may be brought to justice.

Oliver Noyes.

Henniker, Jan. 8, 1828.

COOKING-STOVES.

The first cooking-stoves were brought into this town during the fall of 1830. There were four of them, and they were purchased by David Cogswell, Rev. Jacob Scales, Page Eaton, and Timothy Emerson. The stove was called "Moore's Patent." It was the invention of John Moore, who was formerly a resident of this town, living in a little red house that stood where the present residence of Geo. Cogswell stands. The stoves proved to be excellent ones. Some of them are still in existence, and compare favorably with those of more modern invention.

FIRST BARREL OF FLOUR.

The first barrel of flour exposed for sale in this town was during the autumn of the "poverty year," or 1816, by John Gibson, who kept a little store in the house occupied so long by William E. Cogswell. The barrel was placed upon its side and sawed into two halves. David Cogswell bought one half, paying therefor eight dollars. The other half was sold in small lots to different purchasers. The people of the town were much excited over the affair, and adjudged Mr. Gibson insane for daring to bring flour into town for sale. From this small beginning the trade has increased, until at the present time several hundred barrels are annually disposed of by the traders of this town.

GREAT WHIRLWIND, SEPT. 9, 1821.

The month of September, 1821, was a season of uncommon storms and tempests. A terrible storm raged on the Atlantic coast the 3d of the month. The day was dark and gloomy all over New England, with a large amount of rain. This storm was the most violent that had occurred in this state up to that date. But a more terrific one was yet to follow. The 9th day was very warm and sultry. The wind blew from the south-west during the afternoon, until about 6 o'clock, when a very dark, angry cloud was seen rising in the north-west, illumined with incessant sheets or flashes of lightning. The tornado commenced near Lake Champlain, and entered this state at Cornish, thence into Croydon, where it did considerable damage; thence into Wendell (now Sunapee), doing a large amount of damage, blowing down buildings, killing persons, and accomplishing most wonderful feats. A feather-bed was found in Andover, belonging in Wendell; bricks were blown 100 rods; cart-wheels were dashed to pieces, one wheel having only two spokes left in it. One piece of timber of forty acres was entirely prostrated, not a tree being left standing. From Wendell it crossed the lake to New London, taking a course

four miles wide to the north-west of Mt. Kearsarge, thence into Warner. In this town the damage was fearful. The air was filled with timbers, boards, and splinters of demolished buildings. Hives of bees were whirled through the air; legs, wings, and heads of fowls were lying in all directions; acres of corn and potatoes were swept clean; trees were split literally into basket-stuff. The tornado passed into Boscawen, and there terminated its ravages. For these facts, I am indebted to Historical Collections, N. H., vol. 1.

The roar and tumult of this terrible whirlwind were distinctly heard in this town. People held their breath in silence, as the terrible cloud came nearer and nearer, fearing lest its great power should be felt here. The cloud is represented by those who saw it as being of a very brassy complexion, accompanied by incessant flashes of lightning and terrific peals of heavy thunder. The roar was like that of the continued discharge of an immense number of heavy artillery. Great was the joy of the people of this town as they saw the cloud pass to the eastward, although their sympathies went out strongly for those who they knew must be suffering from its terrible ravages. Many fearful gales have since been experienced, and many heavy showers witnessed, but nothing so severe as this.

In 1803 the town received of Michael Archer, "for profane swearing, 33 cents." This was in conformity to a law forbidding profanity.

A town standard for weights and measures was purchased in 1804. Sum paid, \$45.

In 1807 the town paid Samuel Wilson \$76 dollars for powder, rum, cider, and provisions for the soldiers at muster.

In 1808 the town paid the following bills:

For muster.

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| | Darling & Proctor's Bill. | |
| To 29 lbs. 15 ozs. Powder at 56 cts. per lb., | | 16.77 |
| 9½ Gallons W. I. Rum, 6s. 9d. per Gall, | | 10.41 |
| 11 lbs. White Havanna Sugar, | | 2.00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$29.18 |

The troops mustered at Cork Plain.

In 1809 the town paid the following bills :

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| Paid William Livingston and R. M. Wallace for victual- | |
| ling 147 men at 20 cts. apiece, | \$29.40 |
| William Wallace for Rum for the Soldiers, | 2.47 |
| William L. Woods, 12 Galls Rum, | 14.00 |

The same year the town paid James Wallace,—

For Rum and Sugar at Mr. Thomas Stone's funeral, \$4.54.

POTATOES.

The first potatoes were brought to this town in 1765, by Annas Campbell. The seed from which they were raised was brought to this country from Ireland to Londonderry by his father, Alexander Campbell. They were a great curiosity to the few settlers then residing here, for nearly or quite all of them had never seen one before.

The great wonder with all was what they were good for. Upon being asked that question, Mr. Campbell replied that they were most excellent to eat with fish. Still the old settlers had not much of an opinion of them, for although they began to be raised in different parts of the township, many years elapsed before they were raised in any quantity. From one to three bushels was considered a very large crop, and until it was found that they were excellent for fattening hogs, and for the health of the stock generally, but few were raised. The soil of the town has been found to be well adapted to the raising of them, and there is no one thing now raised upon the farm that would be more missed than the potato.

POTASH.

The manufacture of potash was carried on quite extensively in the earlier settlement of the town. It was manufactured from ashes, which were procured by burning large piles of logs. They were then gathered and leached, and

the lye boiled. It required a good deal of skill to make good potash. At the right moment trusty hands were employed to dip off the lye, which was done with strong ladles, holding about two quarts, into large cast-iron kettles or pots. After cooling in them it was cut out, broken up, and packed in barrels, ready for transportation. Each barrel contained about 200 pounds. It was freighted to Boston and other large places, and exchanged for goods needed at home.

The first potash manufactory was near the log meeting-house, and was owned by Jacob Whitcomb. Gideon Adams had a large manufactory near his store, in the south part of the town. Edward Whitman, Sr., had another near his store on the "Scales hill." Maj. Timothy Darling, and afterwards his son Joshua, had one in the field south of the present site of Gilbert D. Gould's tannery. Edward Whitman also owned one situated near the late residence of James Straw. James Wallace also owned one situated in the field now owned by D. Warren Cogswell, and near the present site of his blacksmith shop. There were others in different parts of the town, quite a large one being owned by Jason Kemp, and which was situated near the present residence of S. R. Rogers. Judge Robert Wallace had a large one near his residence, in the south-west part of the town. These are the more important ones that were in successful operation in the early days of the town. The ashes, after being leached, were hauled upon the land and spread upon the grass, or ploughed under, and proved a very valuable fertilizer for many years.

BRIDGE-BUILDERS.

This town has furnished some of the most competent and most successful builders of bridges of any town in the state. Horace Childs, being at work at his trade as a carpenter in Hopkinton, in 1832, was induced by Col. Long—who had been for some time an officer in the regular army, but who upon retiring from such service invented a bridge, upon

which he secured a patent—to enter upon the work of placing these bridges across rivers, for railroad and other travel. Mr. Childs constructed nearly all the bridges upon the line of the Providence & Worcester Railroad, at its construction, using Pratt's patent for the purpose. Previous to this, and the first bridge he ever erected, was one across the Connecticut river, at Haverhill, N. H. He immediately secured all the business he could well attend to, and built all the bridges upon the Northern Railroad from Andover to White River Junction. These bridges were all built upon a patent of his own, and have proved to be some of the best railroad bridges of the kind ever constructed. He had been building upon Pratt's, Burns's, and Long's patents, Howe's Spring Patent, and Town's Lattice, none of which proved to be suited for heavy teams. He invented the one mentioned, which proved a perfect success. He built the bridges upon the line of the N. H. Central Railroad, at its construction. He also built quite a number of very heavy bridges across the Connecticut river, between this state and Vermont. One of them was a very long one across the river at White River Junction, and also one near it across White river. He built large numbers in Maine and in Connecticut, some for railroad and some for highway travel. He built the first bridge of the kind in this town, across the river at West Henniker, in 1835. This was carried away by the ice knocking down one of the piers. He also built the one now standing near the Lower mills.

Mr. Childs employed quite a number of skilful workmen from this town, and had associated with him at one time his brothers, Warren S. and Enoch L. Frederick Whitney, Dutton Woods, and Thomas Livingston were among his best workmen. Mr. Whitney built the present covered bridge at West Henniker, and, in company with Dutton Woods, built all the bridges upon the line of the Concord & Claremont and Contoocook Valley Railroads. They constructed bridges for many years, when Mr. Whitney retired from the busi-

ness. Mr. Woods has been employed for a long series of years by the Concord Railroad Company in building and repairing the bridges upon the line of their road. He also constructs some outside of the road, and is noted as one of the most competent builders in the country.

DEAF AND DUMB EXHIBITION.

A very pleasing exhibition was given in the Congregational church in 1824, by a few of the students from the asylum at Hartford, which was just coming into notoriety. Thomas Brown, of this town, was one of the number. They were under the direction of Azro Kimball, of Hopkinton. A large blackboard was suspended in front of the pulpit, upon which the students wrote answers to questions asked them by any one in the audience, the same questions being given them in the sign language by Mr. Kimball. The exhibition proved very satisfactory, and it was indeed a marvel to all that such proficiency should be shown by these students.

ESTRAYS.

The following was the manner of dealing with stray animals in olden days :

ESTRAY.

Taken up as a Stray or Damage Feazant, a Red Horse about thirteen years old ; whoever has lost said Horse, by applying to me the Subscriber, shall receive him. Said horse is pretty well shod, trots & paces, & Taken up Monday April 28, 1806.

Henniker, May 3d, 1806.

Eli Howe.

ORDER.

Henniker, March 16, 1805.

Mr. Bela Butler, Collector for 1804.

Please to pay Mr. James Wallace two Dollars and 16 cents, it being for rum, powder, and iron for centre Bridge ; the same shall be allowed you on settlement.

Noah Rice, } Selectmen for
Jasper Temple } Henniker for 1804.

POVERTY YEAR.

The year of 1816 was known for a long while afterwards as the "poverty year." Snow fell in June, and the season was one of uncommon coldness. The frosts in the autumn came early and often, and were very severe. But very little corn came to maturity. The crop of English grain was very good, and this saved the people from much of the suffering that must have otherwise taken place. The most exorbitant price was paid for corn, and the poorer classes suffered intensely. Corn being scarce, but little pork was fattened during this or the following years. As a substitute for pork, a very large amount of salted mackerel was used, and to such an extent that this year and the one following were called the "mackerel years." Scarcity of provisions, added to the terrible scourge of spotted fever, which had just visited the town and caused mourning in so many families, rendered the situation not a very enviable one. Still the strong-hearted, industrious men and women of the town toiled on bravely, trusting and hoping that brighter days were in store for them, and in God's own time would be theirs. And they waited not in vain.

GRASSHOPPER YEAR.

That great plague of the farmer, the grasshopper, is found in sufficient numbers nearly every year, but the year 1826 has ever since been known as the "grasshopper year." The season was an extremely dry one, and everything green was literally "burned up." The hay crop was diminished one half throughout the town. Apples and small fruits dropped from the trees, and the bushes were dried and lifeless. The grasshoppers overran everything. At times great clouds of them appeared, almost darkening the sun at noon-day. They devoured everything they came in contact with. They were caught in nets, and gathered by the bushel and

fed to the swine, and their career was only checked by the great rain which occurred in August, so familiarly known as the "August freshet."

FIRST WAGON.

Dea. Daniel Rice owned the first wagon used in this town. This was in 1805. This wagon was made in Alstead, this state, and was brought to this town by Capt. Benj. Gould, of whom Dea. Rice purchased it. The body sat directly upon the axles, and was covered with cloth, the sides rolling up to make it pleasant in clear weather, and buttoned down to make it comfortable in rainy weather. This wagon was used by Mr. Rice for many years.

FIRST CHAISE.

The first wheeled vehicle that made its appearance in this town, being owned here, was a chaise owned by Edward Whitman, Jr. This was in 1795. Previous to this time the travelling had been done on foot or on horseback. Judge Robert Wallace soon appeared, with a coach drawn by two horses. This carriage proved to be very convenient, for in it the judge's large family were conveyed to and from church, and it was often used upon other occasions. Chaises became quite common, and at one time almost every well-to-do farmer had his chaise. One is now rarely seen.

GREAT EXHIBITION.

Upon the evening of April 7, 1820, the young people at the centre of the town engaged in an exhibition in the old town-house. A very large stage was erected upon the top of the pews each side of the pulpit, and in the front, for the actors and the musicians. The old house was completely filled by the people of this and the neighboring towns. John Connor furnished the music, which was vocal and instrumental. One of the pieces performed was a most comical

one, entitled "Old Hunks." The audience were highly delighted with the entertainment, and it passed into history as the "Great Exhibition."

1820.

This year was famous for the low prices of farmers' produce. The best of pork sold for five cents per pound. Rye was sold for seventy-five cents, corn for fifty cents per bushel. Beef was sold for from two to five cents per pound. Money was very scarce. The season was a dry one, there being no rain from the last of May until the middle of August following. The cattle in the pastures suffered severely for both food and water, and, as a consequence, came to the barn in the fall in a poor condition, and one month earlier than was the usual time.

RECEIPTS.

We print the following, as showing the manner in which receipts were given in old times. The constable performed the duties of a collector, and paid out the town's money as ordered by the selectmen.

Feby 18th 1774. this Day Received of Ezekiel Smith, Constable, the sum of one pound, eighteen shillings and five pence, three farthings of the towns money which is due to me for my wifes keeping school. I say received by me.

Alexander Patterson.

Hennikir, Oct. 26th 1774. Then received of Aaron Adams twelve shillings lawful money for my wifes teaching school. I say received by me.

Otis Howe.

Henniker, December 10th 1774. This day received of the selectmen, one pound, one shilling of the Towns money which is in full for seven weeks schooling done by my sister. I say received by me.

Thomas Johnson.

Feby 13th 1775. Received of the Selectmen of this town, three shillings, which I paid to James Scales for swearing town officers in the year 1772.

Aaron Adams.

Mr. Scales will be remembered as the builder of the first cabin in this town, and in 1772 was residing in Hopkinton, where the town officers, or a portion of them, went to be sworn.

THE FIRST STAGE.

The first stage that passed through this town upon a regular trip was in the spring of 1824. It came from Concord, passed through to Hillsborough, thence up to Charlestown. It was a two-seated covered carriage, drawn by two horses. The driver was a Mr. Hubbard, who was also part owner.

A stage commenced about the same time to run from Boston to Nashua (then Dunstable), thence to Amherst, Henniker, Claremont, and Windsor, Vt. This was a tri-weekly stage, going to Nashua one day and returning the next, bringing the mail three times a week upon that route. This stage will be remembered as leaving here upon the arrival of the stage above, which trip was largely performed in the night, and returning here the next night.

This line was owned by several gentlemen upon the route from Windsor to Boston. The coaches used were soon large covered ones, from the manufactory of Messrs. Downing & Abbot, of Concord, these coaches being some of the first they built. There were three seats inside, comfortably upholstered. The outside contained the driver's seat, wide enough for himself and two passengers, and a seat behind his for passengers. The top of the coach was very firm, and surrounded with a low iron railing, inside of which smaller pieces of baggage were carried. A rack behind held the larger trunks. Fourteen passengers could be accommodated at one time quite comfortably.

These coaches made their trips as punctually as the cars do now, and at a certain time of the day might be looked for with equal confidence. An immense number of people were transported in these coaches, and also upon those running through this town from Concord to Keene, during

all hours of the day and night upon their long trips, and yet an accident seldom occurred. The proprietors and their drivers were careful, faithful men, obliging and attentive to the wants of their customers. Among these owners and drivers were Hammond Train, Silas Dutton, Chester Averill, and others.

These coaches continued to perform their daily duties until the cars came to town in 1850. George Warde was for many years the faithful driver of the stage running to Keene from Concord. He is still remembered by many for his gentlemanly bearing and obliging disposition, as well as for his carefulness. Robert Moore was the last driver upon this route, leaving his passengers at the depot at Contoocookville until the cars reached here.

GREAT TEAMS.

Along with the stage coach came the great teams, to which were attached four, six, and often eight horses, bearing their ponderous loads. The opening of the road from this town to Bradford secured to the upper country a direct line of communication with Boston. Hardly a day passed for a quarter of a century after this road was built but what from one to a dozen of these teams passed through, freighted with the produce and manufactures of the country above, or with the goods from the city going back in exchange for the load down. These teams usually made twenty-five miles a day, resting at noon for dinner.

During the winter season immense numbers of "pungs," or two-horse sleighs, passed through here. They were owned by the farmers of the country above, in which they carried their pork, butter, cheese, and other surplus products of the farm to market, carrying back with them groceries and dry goods for the consumption of the family during the coming year. Lively times were those in the "Old National," when the stable was filled, and the adjoining ones also; when fifty of these pungs were packed in

the yard, in addition to a number of larger teams. Many a hard drive was made during the day, that they might enjoy the hospitalities of this hotel upon those cold winter nights.

ANECDOTE.

Master Jacob Gibson taught school a great many terms in this town, several of which were in the school-house upon the common, the south side of the river. The district at that time included the territory embraced in Nos. 8, 11, and part of Nos. 5, 7, and 12. Among the wide-awake boys that attended one winter was Phinehas, son of Elijah Pressey, who was always known by the cognomen of "Fin Pressey." One day the class in grammar were defining words, when Master Gibson said,—“Nancy Darling, can you tell me what *finis* means?” As she rose from her seat she espied “Fin” immediately behind her, and she promptly answered, “Yes, sir.” “What is it?” “Fin Pressey!” and down she sat, amid the laughter of all the scholars and the teacher.

COLD FRIDAY, 1810.

The cold Friday of January 19, 1810, was one of the coldest days that has been experienced in this town since its settlement. The wind blew fearfully, and the cold was intense. Few persons ventured out of doors. People froze their hands, ears, and feet as if by magic. There was no snow upon the ground, neither had there been any to speak of all winter thus far. James Bartlett was the teacher of the school upon the common that winter. It was a practice of his, as an encouragement to the scholars, to give medals to the ones who were at the heads of their classes the most times, and who were the most punctual in attendance. On this day Rebecca Ramsdell, then a pupil of his, won the medal, and retained it during the term, and still has it in her possession. She faced the terrible wind and

cold of that fearful morning one mile rather than miss her school: a most worthy example for the children of these modern times.

FEARLESS HORSEBACK RIDING.

Many of the women and young ladies of the olden time were as excellent riders upon the horse as were the men, whether old or young. Mrs. David Campbell was one of the most noted. She was called to the south part of the town one spring day, in the early settlement of the town, to visit a sick friend. She passed down through the woods, where now stands the village, thence across the bridge which had been built across the river here at the centre of the town. The river was high, and rising still higher with the rapidly melting snow. She returned in the night. It was very dark, but, trusting her faithful horse, she feared no danger. She reached home safely, much to the surprise of her husband and family, and was asked how she crossed the river. "Upon the bridge, of course," said she. But such was not the fact, for the planking of the bridge had been washed away, and she crossed *upon one of the stringers*. She said she noticed her horse stopped when he came to the bridge, and stepped very carefully as he crossed, but she supposed she was on the bridge.

Her daughter Hannah, who afterwards became the wife of Dea. George Connor, became as expert a horseback rider as was her mother. When some ten or twelve years of age she was sent by her mother upon an errand over to James Hemphill's, who lived where Charles Nichols now resides. Taking a little child in her arms, she mounted her horse, went over and did her errand, and was about returning home, when Mr. Hemphill rode up and challenged her for a race. She immediately accepted the same, although assured by Mrs. Hemphill that if she was going to race she must leave the little child with her. This was objected to by the rider, and together the racers started. The bridge was soon

reached, and crossed in a twinkling. Near the north end of the bridge was a low place in the ground, across which her horse leaped with such a bound, that the girth of the saddle gave way, and the saddle lay upon the ground. Hannah, however, clung to her horse, and reached her home in safety. Mr. Hemphill was left far behind, and gave up the race, exclaiming, "I sweer, I am beat!"

CHAPTER XX.

ANECDOTES — SERENADING — DANIEL B. ALLEY — BEAR STORIES — HUSKING-BEES—LOG ROLLINGS—TRAINING OF TROOPERS—SPINNING-BEES—FIRST CHECK-LIST—MANUFACTURE OF WOODEN WARE—PUPPET SHOW—FIRST ELEPHANT—SHOOTING STARS—ANNAS CAMPBELL'S WILL—MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT—POULTRY—ANTI-SLAVERY—TITHING-MEN—AMMI BROCK.

THE following anecdote is related of Stephen Adams, who resided in the north-east part of the town where the Patterson brothers now reside, and who was the first settler upon that farm. He was a very large, corpulent man, and did but little work the latter part of his life. He was exceedingly irritable in his disposition, and withal very stubborn. One morning, on his way to mill with his horse, which always accompanied him upon his travels, he stopped at the blacksmith shop of Thomas Brown to chat a little with some people who were there in waiting for some work to be done, when Jonathan Sawyer, one of the number, said to him as he rode up,—“Good morning, Mr. Adams ; how do you do these days?” “Not very well,” replied Mr. Adams ; “I am pretty slim ; I sha'n't live a great while.”

“Well,” said Mr. Sawyer, “if its the *Lord's* will that you should die before long, I am sure *I* have no objections.”

Mr. Adams found his equal, however, in the disposition not to yield, in Thomas Brown, the blacksmith. One warm summer's night, near the close of the last century, Mr. Adams was on his way home from mill, with two large bags

of meal upon his horse's back, and with himself perched upon the bags, making a very heavy load. As he neared Mr. Brown's house, he found him seated upon the top rail of a pair of bars. Mr. Adams halted, and they entered into a friendly conversation upon the topics of the times. One matter after another was rapidly discussed. The hours of the night passed away, and still they talked, neither being disposed to yield to the other; and it was not until daylight appeared in the east that Mr. Adams, concluding "discretion to be the better part of valor," bade Mr. Brown good morning, and proceeded to his home, leaving Mr. Brown still sitting upon the bars, consoling himself with the happy thought that the *horse* upon which he had sat all night was not as tired as was the faithful old beast that had been so misused by Mr. Adams.

The stores in the olden days were the scene of much hilarity, as they were visited by many of the old settlers, who often remained from one to three nights at a time from their families. Much liquor was drank, many stories told, and many free fights indulged in during these "sprees." Upon one occasion, in Judge Darling's store, after a long "session," old Lt. John Tucker, being a very fleshy man, and then pretty thoroughly filled with liquor, rose from his chair and attempted to walk; but his head was too weak for his body, and down he sat, a little sooner than he anticipated. Old Lt. John Smith, likewise a very corpulent man, and an old friend of Mr. Tucker's, then tried his hand at walking. He was able to stand, but locomotion was not to be performed by him; but managing to stand a moment or two, he involuntarily found himself in the chair again, and in his broad Scotch accent said, "Dom it, John, you're drunker nor I am!" "Ah, weel, John," said Mr. Tucker, "I believe I am, for *I* canna stand!"

Lt. Smith hauled at one time a very large amount of logs into the yard of the saw-mill belonging to Oliver Edwards. He leased the mill for the purpose of sawing them

into lumber, and engaged Jonathan Sawyer to assist him, they both being experienced men in a saw-mill. They commenced their task on Monday morning, worked hard all day long, and, as neither said anything about ceasing from their labor, when night came on, they furnished themselves with torches and worked all night, and continued doing so, neither one being willing to yield to the other, until during the night of *Thursday* following, when Mr. Sawyer, being completely tired out, sat down upon a log and dropped asleep. He immediately awoke again, and fearing that he might get asleep upon the log that was being sawed, and thereby receive an injury from the saw, determined to put an end to their stubbornness and folly. Finding Mr. Smith as exhausted and sleepy as himself, he watched his opportunity, and catching up a slab, threw it down endwise into the "flutter wheel," almost completely destroying the same, and causing the stopping of the saw. Both men then lay down in the mill, and had out their sleep, which was a very long one. It was a long while afterwards before Mr. Smith found out what stopped the saw from running that night.

One day during the war of 1812, as Thomas Wallace and his wife were passing through the town on their way up to his father's, Judge Robert Wallace's, in the south-west part of the town, and as they reached the residence of Ephraim Morrill, they met him in his dooryard, halted, and commenced conversing with him upon the prevailing topic of the times—the war. Mr. Morrill, who was a stern old patriot, and a great lover of his country, became somewhat excited as the conversation proceeded, and finally exclaimed, "Why, sir, the Britishers are coming right on to us, e'ena-most; there was a terrible *cannonizing* down to Concord all day yesterday, sir." The good old man had heard some artillery practise in that direction the day previous, and he thought most surely that the enemy were coming upon this town.

His wife was as earnest in her conversation as was her husband, and as often made ludicrous mistakes. She was very much exercised, after their new house was built, because the sun persisted in shining into the front entry of the house when the door was opened. She often remarked that "it was a great pity the house had not been set back a few feet farther, so that the sun could n't shine into the entry."

Mr. Morrill was a very firm Baptist by profession, and he often used to say, in his later years, that "*if he lived and had his health*, he meant to die in Henniker and be buried in a Baptist burying-ground."

SERENADING.

Among the bitter personal enemies that the Rev. Mr. Rice had in this town was George Connor, familiarly known for so many years as "Deacon Connor." When he was married he took his bride and went up past Mr. Rice's to David Clough's, who lived on the top of Federal hill, and, as the deacon used to say, "they got 'squired together." Mr. Rice, thinking to have a little fun with him, paraded his sons by the side of the road near his house, and when Mr. Connor and his wife came past them the tin horns "tooted," and the cops and pins rattled, and continued until they were down the hill out of sight. The deacon used to say that this was the first instance of serenading or "horning" a couple, after they were married, that ever occurred in this town. Such was not the fact, however, for it was of general occurrence in the olden times. It is related that the day was set for the marriage of Asa D. Eager, who lived on the brook near the present residence of the Mirick sisters, and Lucy Dufur. The young people made extensive preparations to celebrate the event; but Mr. Eager, learning what was contemplated, took time by the forelock, and at midnight of the night previous took his bride, went up to Mr. Rice's, and was married. The young people had their fun, but being pleased at the way in which

they had been "out flanked," let him off much easier than they otherwise would.

In October, 1807, David Connor, familiarly known for years as "King David," was married to Miss Sally Hastings, of Hopkinton. Knowing the time the marriage was to take place, the people of the village, upon both sides of the river, made preparations to give him a "welcome." As soon as he passed through the village to Mr. Sawyer's, to be married, the people collected. Maj. Crocker was placed upon the top of Elias Gould's tan-shop, to give notice of their approach after the ceremony had been performed. He had not long to wait, for he soon swung his hat and cried out, "Dey's comin'!" and with the horns "tooting," the cops and pins rattling, and sheet-iron pans buzzing, they escorted them through the village, and well on their way home. The manner in which it was conducted was considered by Mr. Connor and his bride as rather a compliment than otherwise.

The present state prison in this state was built, or at least a part of it, in 1812. Quite an excitement was created throughout the state in regard to the feasibility of such a thing, and a good deal of opposition was manifested against it in many places. Especially were the members of the legislature that passed the act authorizing the same severely denounced by many. At the time for the assembling of the legislature of this year a very large number of representatives from the west side of this state, as was their usual custom, passed down through this town. It so happened that upon the day that the most of these members passed through town, Lieut. Samuel Wadsworth, who was bitterly opposed to the building of the prison, and his neighbors, were at work upon the highway at "Westbury Corner." A party of some half dozen members, coming along at one time, halted when they came up with Mr. Wadsworth and his workmen. Wishing to have a little fun with them, and wishing to taunt them a little for their votes the year

before, he said, "I guess, by the way that people are passing by, the state prison will be filled the first year!" This was a poser for the members, but one of them, who had known Mr. Wadsworth for many years, quickly replied,— "Oh, no, I guess not, for I see you are mending your ways."

DANIEL B. ALLEY.

Mr. Alley was perhaps the most eccentric person that lived in this town in the early days. He resided upon the place now owned and occupied by John F. Perry. He came to the town from Newport, or Providence, Rhode Island.

Mr. Alley was known as a "new light" in the society of Friends, of which he was a prominent member at one time. He travelled about the country quite extensively, preaching the doctrine of the "new lights," which, he insisted, unfolded a deeper insight into the mysteries of revelation than did the teachings of the older founders of the sect.

When his wife died, her remains were placed in a coffin, then carried into the cellar of the house, where they remained several weeks. Mr. Alley dug a large hole in one corner of his farm, stoned it with rough stones, and there he conveyed the remains of his wife. His neighbors used to say that he used this place for storing his vegetables during the winter. Mr. Alley was finally insane, and when it became unsafe to allow him to travel about, and his disease became more alarming, he was placed by his friends at the temporary asylum at Concord, then used for the insane of the state. He caused his attendants a good deal of trouble at times, but a marked improvement soon taking place, he was allowed to take frequent walks with his attendant. One morning, however, he concluded to come to his home in Henniker. He arose early in the morning, escaped from the building, and upon the railing of the bridge which he crossed before leaving Concord, he wrote, "Daniel B. Alley has gone home." Such proved to be the case, but he was allowed to remain with his friends, and shortly afterwards died.

BEAR STORIES.

Bears were at one time quite numerous within this township, and many were the conflicts had with them by the old settlers. One of the most remarkable adventures of this kind occurred during the early settlement of the town upon the place so long known as the Gould Harriman farm, now owned by Mr. Codman. It was then owned and occupied by Moses Huse and his wife. Mr. Huse was a preacher as well as a farmer, and of delicate constitution compared with his wife, who was of Indian extraction. She was small, but of wiry, powerful muscle, who used to take her end of the log in clearing the land. One morning, late in the autumn, Mr. Huse, and a friend who was visiting him for a few days, started out upon a bear-hunt. At the proper time Mrs. Huse commenced her preparations for supper. There were no cellars under the houses in those early days; but a "potato hole" was dug near the house, which was covered during the winter with bark, boards, or thatch. In this hole were placed the vegetables for the season. Mrs. Huse handed a pan to one of her little girls, and said, "Go out to the cellar hole and get some sass," meaning vegetables to boil. The child went to the edge of the wood, when she heard a noise in the leaves, but could see nothing. Being alarmed, she returned and informed her mother that she had heard a noise in the wood, and was afraid to go any further. Her mother assured her that there was nothing to be afraid of, and sent her back; but the girl, hearing the same noise again, returned to her mother with the same story as before, when Mrs. Huse said, "I'll go and see what I can do." On reaching the place designated, she heard the same noise, and, looking about, she spied a bear at work in the leaves a short distance from her. She immediately gave him chase, picking up as she ran a huge pine knot, "with a train as long as yer arm," she said, and came up with him just as he had begun the ascent of a tree. She gave him a

powerful blow with the knot, which broke his back, and he rolled down at her feet. She quickly dispatched him, dragged him to the house, and dressed him. When Mr. Huse and his companion returned, she was cooking some of it for their supper. They were of course much astonished at what she had done, and asked how she had killed him. She repeated the story substantially as here given, and added, "When he fell from the tree, I *lammed on*, I did; and I killed him, I did, I did!" It was a remarkable feat, and well represents the strength and courage of the women of those early days. This story was told by Mrs. Huse herself to Gould Harri- man, after he purchased the place, and who showed him the exact spot where the bear was killed.

The most desperate contest with a bear in this town, of which any authentic account can be furnished, was that of Elisha Barnes, son of Silas, who lived upon the south side of Craney hill, above the pond. One spring day, when the snow yet lay deep in the clearing and in the woods, Mr. Barnes stood looking out of the only door in his log house, when he spied a large bear coming through the snow in the clearing, making his way into the woods below. Barnes stepped into the house for his gun. He found it unfit for use, and saying, "My gun is always unfit for use when I want it!" he seized an axe and followed the bear. Soon coming up with him, Bruin turned and looked him in the face. Mr. Barnes immediately struck at him with the axe, which blow was parried with one paw, and, knocking the weapon from his hands, the animal jumped upon him, biting him severely in his leg and thigh. By this time Barnes began to realize his dangerous position, alone in his fight with the bear, and with no weapon in his hands. As the beast attempted another bite, the unfortunate man ran his arm down the animal's throat, and seized its tongue by its roots. In the meantime, Mr. Barnes's family, fearing there would be difficulty with the bear, informed their nearest neighbor, Samuel Eastman, who arrived at an opportune moment.

Barnes was partly down in the snow, with the blood flowing freely from his wounds. He requested Eastman to give the animal a blow on the head with the bit of the axe. Mr. Eastman, fearing to do this without injury to the suffering man, dealt him a powerful blow upon the thigh, which caused him to disengage himself from Mr. Barnes, and to run down into the woods below. The helpless settler was taken to his home, where his wounds were dressed, but so severe were they that months elapsed before he was able to perform any labor. The next day the bear was tracked, by his blood, to his hiding-place, and killed.

Another heroic act was performed by Mrs. William Peters, grandmother of the late John Peters. They resided on what is known as the "Jacob Peters place," in the east part of the town. Mr. Peters being absent one day in the autumn, his wife went into the corn-field near the house for some purpose, when she found that the bears were destroying the corn very badly. Returning to the house and loading the gun, she went back to the field, and, with the help of a small cord, placed the gun in such a position that any animal coming near the trap which was set close by would be likely to get injured. She then returned to the house and said nothing. The evening following, several of the neighbors dropped in for a little chat. But little time had elapsed, however, before the sharp report of a gun was heard. "What's that?" eagerly asked several. No one knew. Mr. Peters jokingly remarked, "I guess my wife's shot a bear!" Mrs. Peters then said, "Come out into the cornfield with me, and we will see if I have." They did so, and there lay a bear shot directly through the heart by the spring gun.

Mr. Peters soon after shot a large moose near his house, and the place has been known as "Moose hollow" ever since the occurrence.

Jonathan Ray, grandfather of John C. Ray, lived near Mr. Peters. He had two wives during his life, and raised a large family. He used to say that "Me and my wives, first

and last woman, had fifteen children." His first wife was a heroic woman. Hearing a noise in their hog-pen one day, she ran out to ascertain the cause, and was just in season to see a large bear climbing over the pen with a pig in his mouth. She immediately struck him a powerful blow with a large stick of wood. The bear dropped the pig and made for the woods. Mrs. Ray picked up the pig, and placed him in the pen again : he lived, and made them a good piece of pork in the following autumn.

One day, in the absence of her husband, Mrs. Ray heard a great noise among the little flock of sheep that were in the yard near the house. On reaching them, she found wolves among them, who left at her approach. Eleven of the twelve sheep they possessed had been killed by the wolves, and the blood partially devoured by them. Mrs. Ray immediately went to work and dressed the whole number, took them into their house, and hung them up in the shed. When Mr. Ray came home at night, he opened the door directly upon them. He was of course much astonished, and after his wife had given him the explanation, the wolves, bears, and all other wild animals received their just condemnation.

Stephen Whitaker resided in the east part of the town, near where is now the northerly end of the covered bridge across the Contocook, upon the road leading to Hopkinton. Two of his neighbors, Mr. Kezer and Mr. Smart, in going to his house one evening, heard a noise among his pigs. They gave the alarm, and, with Mr. Whitaker, soon discovered a large bear, who was quietly eating his supper from a nice little pig. After a sharp fight, during which several shots were fired at the bear, he was killed, and the party returned to Mr. Whitaker's house, happy in the thought that there was one bear less to make them disturbance.

These men used to catch many wolves. Their method of killing was, to dig a large hole in which they drove large

stakes ; the top ends of these stakes were then sharpened very pointed ; upon these points brush was lightly placed, and upon the brush bits of meat were laid. The wolves, scenting the meat, would jump upon the brush, and as quickly find themselves plunging down between the stakes. Once down, there was no escape. It is said that wolves caught in this manner used to look very "sheepish" at the plight they were found in.

Wolves were at one time very plenty throughout the town, especially in the northerly part. So numerous were they, that at one time Jacob Whitcomb and David Connor built a huge bonfire on the "Ammi brook," upon the ridge now owned by Harrison A. Rice, around which the wolves gathered in great numbers, and were slaughtered by the neighbors with their guns.

HUSKING-BEES.

One day, late in the autumn of one of the first years of the present century, Dyer Abbott and his mother-in-law, Widow Atkinson, who lived where Warren S. Childs now resides, having heaped their large barn floor with corn, ready to be husked, made a husking-bee. The neighbors from far and near were invited. The Gosses, the Pattersons, and the Bartletts came down from "Pork hill ;" the Childses, the Smiths, the Harthorns, the Whitcombs, the Rices, and the Woodses came down from the westerly side of the town, together with quite a number from both sides of the river easterly from them. The corn was rapidly cleared from its husks. The red ears were duly attended to, stories were told, and jokes bandied about at the expense of some of the members of the company. Rum flowed freely, and all went "merry as a marriage bell." About midnight the entire company were invited into the house, where all partook of a most substantial supper, consisting largely of baked beans, brown bread, and pumpkin pies. The supper well over, the old kitchen was cleared, the players upon the violins took

their positions, and the remainder of the night was spent in merry dancing, as the lively notes of "Money Musk," "The Devil's Dream," "High Betty Martin," and other old tunes, rolled from the "slippery cat-gut" upon the violins. It is related that one young man refused to partake of the supper, and led out his horse preparatory to going up the hill to his home. He experienced a good deal of difficulty in mounting his horse, and when the supper was over he was found in the same place trying to mount, but was unable to do so alone, for he said, "The horse keeps going round and round, and don't never stop in the right place for me to get on his back."

About this same time, William Howe, who lived upon the farm formerly owned by his father, Peter, near the present residence of Asa P. Wiggin, made a husking-bee, which proved to be one of the very largest ever known in the town. A most sumptuous supper was partaken of, Shuthaleh Rice eating so much that he came near dying. Nahum Brown, father of Thomas, was present, and contributed much to the enjoyment of the entire company.

Husking-bees were of very common occurrence, and we only give these as a sample of the manner in which they were conducted. They were the occasion of a good deal of merriment and enjoyment.

LOG-ROLLING.

Of the same nature as the spinning-bees of the women, and the huskings of both men and women, were the log-rollings of olden times. One great trait in the old settlers was the desire to work in large numbers; and in the matter of clearing land they most certainly showed wisdom, for what alone was a hard and serious task, was, when undertaken by many, made a comparatively easy one. We give a little account of one, as showing the manner in which they were conducted, and the amount of labor performed. Thad-

deus Gibson had at one time twenty acres of timber felled and burned over. It looking like a formidable task to clear this large amount, and make it ready to sow the grain, he set a day, and invited not only his neighbors, but strong and powerful men in other parts of the town. The day appointed found his "burnt piece" alive with men and oxen. Among those who were present were Nahum Brown, Jacob Rice, then a boy, "Sandy" Patterson, the Harthorn brothers, Paul and Silas, and others as strong and resolute. When the day closed, it found nearly the whole of that twenty acres cleared into piles ready to be burned, and the ground unoccupied by these piles ready for the sowing of the rye. This large number of men were furnished with a dinner by Mr. Gibson, which was all the remuneration they expected, trusting to the time when they should severally need the services of Mr. Gibson in return.

TRAINING OF TROOPERS.

Nothing for a show ever so pleased the young people in those olden times as the "old troopers," who, decked in a showy but substantial uniform, and prancing about so gaily upon their horses, seemed like fairies dropped down from above. The first time they collected in any number was near the close of the last century, near the residence of Judge Wallace. In 1806 another collection met in the field near Judge Darling's. But a still larger number collected here in the fall of 1812, and paraded upon Dea. Connor's plain. Nearly the whole town was in attendance to witness their various evolutions. These troopers belonged to the 26th Regiment, and a part of the company from Warner, and were finely drilled. This occasion is mentioned, to this day, as one never to be forgotten. There was at this time no independent company in this town, though several belonged to the troopers.

SPINNING-BEES.

These were indulged in largely by the women in the early settlement of the town. It was the custom to meet at the house of some neighbor, or some new-comer, and to assist in the spinning of the flax ready to be manufactured into cloth. These gatherings were the principal sources from which the women derived any social intercourse away from their own homes. As with the men, so with the women: every minute had for them a duty, and that duty was work.

One of the most remarkable of these-spinning bees took place in the early settlement of the town, soon after Ephraim Goss had married Ruth Campbell, daughter of Annas. Having a great many things to manufacture, the women of the neighborhood appointed a day to meet at her home to assist her. The wives of her brothers,—David, John, and Phinehas,—together with Mrs. Childs, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Newton, Mrs. Harthorn, Mrs. Patterson, and others, shouldered their spinning-wheels in the early morning, and went up the hill. How rapidly whirled those wheels all the day long! resting only long enough to partake of an excellent dinner prepared by Mrs. Goss, who was then just commencing house-keeping. While the hands of the workers were busy, their tongues were not idle, as they discussed the merits and demerits of the different settlers of the township. Skein after skein was finished, and it was not until the sun began to sink, and the shadows of evening began to approach, that their work was brought to an end. It was then they gathered up the fruits of the day's labor. One enumerated hers, another one hers; but when all had been counted, it was found that the three Campbell women were the champion spinners, for they together had spun *eleven* double skeins of linen thread. This was considered a great feat; for the spinning of two, and, at the most, three double skeins, was considered a great day's work. The champion spinners

were heartily congratulated. Together the women shouldered their wheels, went down the hill, and separated, each to her own home, highly pleased with the day's work and enjoyment. Mrs. Maj. David Campbell used often to tell her children, in after years, what "we three Campbell women" did that day.

FIRST CHECK-LIST.

The legislature in 1813 passed an act requiring towns to use a check-list in voting for state and county officers. Previous to this every man voted upon his honor, and his name was noted down, and a list made up from these names for taxing purposes. This law was passed June 23, 1813. John T. Gilman was governor. Oliver Peabody was president of the senate, and Thomas W. Thompson, speaker of the house. It was used in this town the following spring. Hon. Joshua Darling was a member of the senate, and was quite influential in securing the passage of the act. As politics began to wax warmer, and the contests became more animated, the check-list was used in electing town officers as well as state, and was found to be a necessary safeguard against the attempted frauds of either party. It was a most beneficial act, and has proved the best means yet devised to secure an honest and at the same time a complete vote. It is now used in most of the larger towns in all elections for state, county, and town officers.

MANUFACTURE OF WOODEN WARE.

Timothy Gillette, and his son Oliver, came to this town from Vermont in the early spring of 1813, and established the manufacture of wooden ware in the westerly part of the town, in a cider-mill belonging to Eli Wood, which stood near his dwelling-house. These articles consisted of bowls, plates, skimmers, cups, saucers, and various other articles, all quite useful, and much needed and used in those days. They were made mostly from ash timber, it being consid-

ered the best material from which they could be manufactured. They were mostly turned in a lathe by the son, after which the father filled his two large leather "pouches" with the goods, placed them upon his horse's back, and disposed of them in the various parts of the country in the same manner that tin ware and other articles are disposed of in these days. Late in the fall of the same year they returned to Vermont, and the business ceased here. Many of these articles are still to be seen in some of the older families of the town, and have done long and very faithful service.

PUPPET SHOW.

It may interest the younger readers of these pages to know that the first puppet show ever exhibited in this town was upon the evening of March 12, 1814, in the house of William Bowman, who then lived where Wesley Felch now resides. Several images about two feet in height were arranged upon a stand for that purpose; in front of each one was placed a little bell; in each hand of the different images was a little hammer; wires running from the arms down through the body, out of sight, were operated by a crank turned in the same manner as upon a hand-organ. As this crank was turned, one arm, and at other times both arms, of the images were raised, and the bell in front of them struck by the little hammers they held. In this manner quite a number of tunes were played. The images were also made to dance about the board in various ways. The whole was a very pleasing performance, much delighting the boys, who had gathered in large numbers, and paid their few cents to witness this, to them, most wonderful performance of making wooden images dance and play tunes.

FIRST ELEPHANT.

The first elephant exhibited in this town was in 1815. The show was in the barn of Widow Atkinson, who lived where Warren S. Childs now resides. It was crowded

by the people of the town to see the huge animal, and to witness the various tricks he was made to perform by his keeper. William Bowman was present, and, as usual upon all gatherings, was the "funny man" for the occasion. His performances with the elephant are still remembered by some of the older people with much pleasure.

SHOOTING STARS.

The largest exhibition of falling or shooting stars ever witnessed in this town was on the morning of November 13, 1833. They were first observed about five o'clock in the morning, and continued to fall until daylight rendered them invisible. It was represented as a very brilliant display, the stars shooting in all directions through the heavens, and finally disappearing in their flight towards the earth. Many displays have since been witnessed, but none to compare with this one.

COPY OF ANNAS CAMPBELL'S WILL.

The following is an exact copy of Annas Campbell's will, taken from the original copy now in the possession of his grandson, Harris Campbell:

In the name of God, Amen. In this year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy one, I Annas Campbell of Henniker, in the province of New Hampshire in New England, yeoman, being at this time through the goodness of God, of good understanding and perfect mind and memory, do make & ordain this my last will and testament. Principally & first of all, I give my soul to God who gave it, hoping that the mercy of God & merits of my Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ to obtain the redemption of all my sins & to inherit eternal life, my body I commit to the earth to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named. And as touching such temporal estate as it hath pleased God in his providence to bless me with, I give, bequeath and dispose of the same in the following manner & form:

I give unto my well beloved wife Abigail, for her use & improvements during the term of time that she shall remain my widow, to be provided yearly for her by my executor the following particular, viz.: one horse & decent tackling for the same, two cows & four sheep & sixteen bushels of corn, eight

of Indian, & eight of rye, two hundred weight of pork, & sixty weight of beef & a reasonable supply of sauce, one bushel of malt, and twenty pound of flax.

I also order and appoint that my said Executor build & keep in repair for the use and improvement of my well beloved wife during the aforesaid term, one half of my new house in said Henniker, from the bottom of the cellar to the roof. Also, to procure for her ten cords of wood yearly, three feet long, during said term. I also give unto my well beloved wife all my household furniture for her use & to dispose of at her discretion, and as touching the horse, cows & sheep, they are to return to my said Executor at the expiration of the said term of time.

I give unto my son Annis all my lands that I own in Hopkinton in said province, viz.: one lot of land containing eighty acres more or less, & an intervale lot on the north side of Contoocook river in the great intervale.

I give unto my son David, whom I likewise constitute, make & ordain the sole Executor of this my last will and testament, all that part of my lands on the north side of Contoocook river in said Henniker, it being part of the Lots No. 11 & No. 12, containing about one hundred & thirty acres, be the same more or less, being the place I now live on in said Henniker, together with the buildings & one half of all my utensils & all the stock of cattle that I have on said place, in said town, except the horse, cows & sheep which my well beloved wife is to have the use of during the aforesaid term. I also give to my said Executor one hundred acres of land in said Henniker, which I purchased of John Johnson, lying side by side with a lot of Samuel Peasleys.

Also, I give unto my said Executor all my sheep I own in Hawke, in said province, and as touching my estate of lands in said Hawke, I hereby order and appoint that my said Executor make speedy sale of the same for the use hereafter mentioned.

I give unto my son Robert, one hundred acres of land, in said Henniker, which is No. 15 in the first Range. I give unto my son Alexander, one hundred acres of land in said Henniker, which is No. 16 in the first Range. I give unto my son John, one hundred acres of land in said Henniker, which is No. 11 in the Eleventh Range. I give unto my son Jesse, all my land on the south side of Contoocook river, which belongs to my first division Lots No. 11 & No. 12. I give unto my son Phenias, one hundred acres of land in said Henniker, which is No. 18 in the twelfth Range.

I give unto my daughter Abigail fifteen pound lawful money, to be paid to her by my said Executor out of the money that he shall receive for my farm, which I have ordered him to sell in

Hawke aforesaid, on or before the expiration of twelve months from the day of my decease.

I give to my three younger daughters, viz. : Hannah, Sarath, & Ruth, to each fifteen pound lawful money to be paid to them by my said Executor, out of the money that my said Executor shall receive for my farm in Hawke aforesaid, on or before the expiration of twelve months from the day of my decease.

I do hereby order and appoint that my said executor call in, and deliver to my daughter Abigail, two of my cows that I have let out, on or before the expiration of twelve months from the day of my decease.

I also order & appoint him, my said executor, to call in and deliver to my three youngest daughters above named, the other six cows that I have let out, to each daughter two cows, on or before the expiration of twelve months from the day of my decease.

I also order and appoint, that my said executor pay to my son Phenias, the sum of three pound lawful money, on or before the said Phenias shall arrive at the age of twenty-one years.

I also order & appoint him, my said executor, to deliver the other half of all my utensils to my three youngest sons, viz. : John, Jesse, & Phenias, each one equal portion in quantity and quality.

I give unto my son David, whom I likewise constitute, make & ordain the sole executor of this my last will & testament, my best coat & jactett, & breeches, and as touching such part of the money, if any there be which shall remain over and above what he, my said executor, is ordered to pay out of said money, said remainder I give in equal shares to my well beloved wife and to my said Executor.

I likewise order & appoint that he my said Executor, call in all my just debts, or dues, & pay out all lawful debts by me contracted, and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke, & disannul all and every other former testaments, wills, bargains, & bequeaths executed by me in any ways before named, written, bequeathed, ratifying & confirming this & no other, to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this fifth day of June, in the eleventh year of his Majesty's reign, one thousand seven hundred & seventy-one.

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced & delivered by the said Annis Campbell, as his last Will & testament in the presence of us, who in his presence and in the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names.

Anais Camell.

[L. S.]

Ebenezer Harthorn,
Hezekiah Newton
Ezekiel Eaton.

Hillsborough ss., Feb'y the 7th A. D. 1772.

This will was proved by the oath of Ebenezer Harthorn & Ezekiel Eaton in common form.

John Goffe, J. Prob.

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT.

It was the custom and the law, in the earlier days of the present century, when parties were to be married, that the intention of such a fact should be "cried" or announced by the town-clerk for three successive Sabbaths in the church, at the close of the service in the afternoon. At the close of the exercises one Sabbath, about the first of September, 1815, a sharp, shrill voice came ringing down from the west gallery of the Congregational church, announcing "that marriage was intended between Isaac Rice, of Henniker, and Betsey Sibley, of Hopkinton." Mr. Rice was town-clerk that year, and had announced his own intention of marriage.

POULTRY.

A great deal of attention has been given in late years to the raising of poultry for the market, and for their eggs. The town has long been famous for its abundance of eggs that are annually sold. The egg crop of the town is estimated at thirty thousand dozen a year, having a value of at least six thousand dollars. Nearly every family has its little flock, which prove to them quite remunerative. Turkeys and geese are not very plenty.

ANTI-SLAVERY.

Slavery having been abolished in all the Northern states of the Union, the question of its continuance in the Southern states, and its rightfulness, began to agitate the minds of the Northern people. The motto, "Unconditional Emancipation," so boldly proclaimed by William Lloyd Garrison

in 1832, became the rallying cry of a portion of the people of the North. Anti-slavery societies, for the furtherance of the cause, were formed in all the larger places of the New England states, as well as elsewhere. The first society of the kind formed in this town was in March, 1835. Rev. G. A. Putnam was president, and Rev. A. Kidder, secretary. Mr. Putnam was the Methodist clergyman, and Mr. Kidder the Baptist. Several conventions were held here, the two largest of which were in October, 1843, and February 14 and 15, 1843. This last was probably the most important of the anti-slavery conventions ever held here. It convened the first day in the Brick church, it having been opened by Abijah Hildreth, who then claimed to be the principal owner. The second day it was held in the town-house. People from Bradford and other neighboring towns were present. These meetings were addressed by Parker Pillsbury, N. P. Rogers, John R. French, late Sergeant-at-arms of the U. S. Senate, Rev. Mr. Wellman, a Methodist clergyman from Bradford, Lewis Smith, Esq., of this town, and others. Mr. Rogers said of this meeting, in a letter to the *Herald of Freedom*, shortly after,—

I have rarely seen a more interested auditory than in the afternoon of the second day, when the floor of the old town-house was filled close, with a compact standing mass of thoughtful, pondering men and women, minds and hearts all deeply excited on the great question of human rights, their outrages and their remedies. A kind of intellectual and moral magnetism seemed to pervade the entire mass. They looked as with a single eye. They seemed of one mind. And the meeting embraced the best intellect of a very intelligent town. A very generous hospitality was shown by the people to the numerous strangers who had come unexpectedly among them. Nothing was wanting to make it a complete and triumphant meeting.

Frequent meetings were held, which were addressed by the most noted champions of the cause, among whom was Frederick Douglass, the well known colored orator. The subject was most fully discussed in shop and store by all.

TITHING-MEN.

Jedediah Peabody moved here from Kennebunk, Maine, with his ox-team, in 1781. He arrived at Hopkinton Saturday night, and on Sunday morning yoked up his oxen and proceeded on his journey. He had not proceeded far when he was met by the tithing-men of the town, who informed him that he could go no farther upon that day. He remonstrated upon being detained, as he was anxious to reach this town that day, but his appeals were of no avail, and his team was unyoked and rested until Monday morning, when he was allowed to proceed.

"AMMI BROOK."

Shortly after Ammi Peabody was married, he was, in company with several neighbors, at work upon the banks of the brook which follows down the Bradford road to near the "Alley spring," where it makes a detour south-easterly, and empties into the Contoocook river below Asa P. Wiggin's. This brook had been known for many years in its lower part as the "Saw-mill brook." While resting at noon, some one proposed that the brook be then and there named, when David Bowman proposed that it be called "Ammi brook" for Mr. Peabody, which name was adopted with cheers.

CHAPTER XXI.

FALL OF A MINISTER—ROPE-WALK—INDIANS—READING AND SEWING CIRCLE—FIRST STOVE IN A MEETING-HOUSE — CHAIR FACTORY — ANECDOTES — HATTERS' SHOPS—EARTHQUAKES—GREAT FROST—GREAT SNOW-STORM—SECOND HOUSE IN TOWN—HIGHWAY WARRANT—FUNERAL—RUNAWAY BOY—CORONER'S JURY—WILLOW TREE—ELM TREE—LIBRARY—REMINISCENCES.

A VERY amusing affair happened in the Congregational meeting-house, built near Mr. Rice's. As soon as it was raised, boarded, and shingled, blocks of timber were carried into the body of the house, upon which were placed rough boards for seats for the audience. A rough scaffolding was built upon the north end for a pulpit, and loose steps laid to pass up into it. It was customary in those olden times for the congregation to remain standing, at the close of the service, until the clergyman had passed out of the house. One Sunday the congregation waited as usual for Mr. Sawyer to pass out. Mr. Sawyer, as he attempted to make the descent of the steps, made a misstep at the top stair, and landed head first at the bottom, taking each step with him in his rapid descent. Nothing serious happened, however, and Mr. Sawyer passed out of the house, his congregation following him, much pleased that he had received no permanent injury, although the younger portion of the congregation indulged in many a hearty laugh among themselves at the ludicrous figure Mr. Sawyer presented as he fell.

ROPE-WALK.

Isaac Whitaker settled under the north-east side of Craney hill, southerly from the present residence of Mrs. William H. Gilmore. On this place Mr. Whitaker established a rope-walk, at which he manufactured quite a large amount of bed-cords, fish and fly-nets, and numerous other useful articles, all made of linen. The women in different parts of the town spun his thread for him, ready to be laid up. He had a harness, which he used for years, made entirely of lines manufactured by himself. He exchanged a good many manufactured articles for flax. He prosecuted the business for several years, and prospered, selling his wares in all the towns round about. His work was done in a strong and faithful manner. In conversation with an old lady, who had known of his work, she pronounced it excellent, and then said,—“Things that were manufactured at home in the olden times were better than those made now-a-days ; not so many new-fangled things and trash as there is now.” That the good old lady was not far from right we must all confess.

INDIANS.

The territory comprised within the limits of this township was a favorite place of resort of the Indians before its settlement. The principal tribe in this section was the Penacooks, whose chief settlements were where Concord and Manchester now stand. When the English first made the acquaintance of this tribe, their chief was the celebrated Passaconaway, who was considered by his subjects almost the Divinity himself,—that “he could make trees dance and water burn.”

This tribe was at one time the cause of a good deal of anxiety to the early settlers, as they did much mischief, coming at one time into the town of Hopkinton and capturing eight persons. This so alarmed the few settlers at

Hillsborough that they abandoned their claims, and did not return until after the expiration of fifteen years.

The Penacooks emigrated to Canada during the French and Indian war, but made frequent raids upon the settlers in this vicinity during that war.

Many Indian graves were found in this town by the earlier settlers, mostly in the easterly part of the town. Tools and implements of their manufacture have been found often upon the plain east of the village, upon the banks of the Contoocook, and near the ponds in the easterly part of the town. The plain easterly from the village was a favorite Indian resort for camping, and Gove's pond was a desirable place for fishing purposes. Many of the relics found exhibit most excellent workmanship. In the summer of 1875 a party at work upon the highway near Whitaker's pond ploughed up in the travelled road the skull of an Indian, the jaws being perfect, and the teeth in them complete. The body of which it was a part must have been buried fully one century and a quarter ago. No stream of its size in the state, and no ponds elsewhere, afforded better fishing-ground for them, and nothing better than the adjacent lands for camping. There is no tradition of more than one Indian having been killed in the township by a white man. This is the one in the account of the building of the first saw-mill. There is no tradition of any building having been burned by them within the township, neither was any white person killed by them. They continued to molest the settlers up to the time the first permanent settlements were made in this town, when, the French and Indian war having been brought to a close, they left for their new homes.

Occasionally a scouting party, still harboring some revengeful thought, made raids upon the lower settlements, doing considerable injury. They often visited this town after its settlement, but did no mischief, as they were ever treated with kindness by the early settlers, often giving them food, and harboring them in their dwellings over

night. It was a proverbial saying among those Indians, that no damage must be done the white man in No. 6, for there they were always treated kindly. They soon disappeared from this vicinity, and, in a quarter of a century after the first permanent settlement of the town, one was rarely seen.

READING AND SEWING CIRCLE.

In the winter of 1818-'19 quite a number of the young ladies and gentlemen residing here formed a circle for the purpose of improving themselves in the art of reading. The larger part of this number were teachers, or had been such at a previous time. The meetings were held weekly, in the school-house upon the common. Each member, in alphabetical order, had the privilege of reading fifteen minutes at one time. Artemas Rogers was appointed monitor, to criticise and correct. Enoch Darling was his assistant, and filled the position when Rogers was necessarily absent. Prose and poetry were read, at the option of the reader. These meetings proved very pleasant, and much improvement was visible in reading. In the spring of 1819 the ladies belonging to this circle met at the house of Hon. Joshua Darling, and organized a "sewing-circle,"—meeting in the afternoon, once in two weeks, at the house of some member of the circle, to sew and manufacture various articles, the gentlemen being invited in the evening, which was spent in social intercourse. The gentlemen were expected to contribute sufficient from their means to purchase the material to be manufactured.

In a short time four boxes of clothing, quilts, and other necessary articles were sent to the Indian missions. This was the commencement of the efforts upon the part of the ladies of this town towards assisting the poor and the needy in different parts of our land, and which is still continued to a greater or less degree. The cabin of many a missionary, far out upon the open prairie, has been made more cheerful

and comfortable, and his wife and little ones more happy, and the burdens of life more endurable, through the generous gifts that have gone out so freely from the ladies of this circle. During the Rebellion, their efforts were turned in the direction of help for the soldier. An immense amount of labor was performed by them. Box after box was started on its glad mission, and still the busy hands were at work. No matter what the tidings;—if good, then fingers flew the faster; if discouraging, no heart faltered; but all were animated with the desire to assist the suffering. We are unable to ascertain the amount sent out during the war; but it was large, for package followed package in quick succession.

At the close of the war their efforts were directed to helping the freedmen, and large quantities of new and half-worn clothing were sent to them, and received with grateful hearts. And so, besides the missionary, the sick and wounded boys in the War of the Rebellion felt their kindness, and were cheered by the remembrance that gentle, busy fingers were at work for them in the homes they loved so well, and which so many of them were never to see again. From the formation of this circle many a kind deed has been done, many a heart has been made glad, and many have had occasion to say, God bless the ladies of Henniker for their untiring efforts to make the homes of the poor more comfortable, to cheer the heart of the dying boy far away from his loved home, and to hold up and strengthen the hands of those who had been made free before God and man.

FIRST STOVE IN A MEETING-HOUSE.

George W. Cogswell was teacher of the school in District No. 3, in this town, in the winter of 1826-'27. He required "compositions" from his larger scholars at stated periods. One day he requested one of his pupils to compose something suitable to be placed at the head of a subscription paper soliciting funds to purchase a stove for the Congrega-

tional meeting-house. The task was completed in the course of the day, and read as follows :

We the subscribers, desirous of promoting a better attendance on the services of the sanctuary, will pay the sums set against our respective names, for the purpose of procuring a suitable *stove*, to be placed in the Congregational Meeting House.

The young man who composed it was Parker Pillsbury, who, with his younger brothers, came to the village that evening, circulated the paper freely, and before they returned home had the satisfaction of seeing enough subscribed to procure the desired article. The stove was immediately purchased and placed in the meeting-house. Whether the attendance at the church was materially increased we are not able to state.

CHAIR FACTORY.

John Kirk carried on the business of chair-making, mending and bottoming the same in a little shop on the brook southerly from A. D. L. F. Connor's. This shop was situated near the junction of the main road with the "butter road," so-called. The August freshet of 1826 washed the shop away, and it was never rebuilt.

ANECDOTES.

Jonas Bowman, so long a leading man in the town, was a man of indomitable will, and very stubborn, but most generally succeeded in accomplishing whatever he undertook. It is related that at one meeting of the town, when some officer was being voted for, a voter came up, and, handing his vote to the moderator, said,—“Mr. Moderator, here's a vote for Jonas Bowman : if he tells a lie, he'll stick to it.”

Old Mr. Thomas Stone and his wife had a good many "family jars," and to such an extent were they indulged in, that the mischievous boys used to annoy them by throwing stones against their dwelling. One night, in the midst of

a "squall" inside the house, the stones came against the outside as usual. Forgetting his difference with his wife, Mr. Stone immediately opened the door and commenced to pursue the boys. His wife appeared in the door and sang out, "Lick 'em, Stone! Lick 'em, Stone!" The old man, very much vexed, turned to his wife and said very sharply, "Catch 'em first, won't you!"

HATTER'S SHOP.

Quite an extensive business was done at one time in the manufacture of hats, by Charles Pingree, at his shop, which stood where was recently the barn owned by David W. Cogswell, on the plain easterly from the village. He disposed of his hats to the people of this and adjoining towns, and also sent many of them to the larger places in Massachusetts. After a while the business began to decrease, and Mr. Pingree offered his business and place for sale in the following manner:

FOR SALE.

At Public Auction on the 30th of November next, an excellent *Stand* for a Hatter or almost any tradesman, situated about half a mile east of the meeting house on the main road leading from Hillsborough to Hopkinton, containing about twelve acres of Land of superior quality.

This *Stand* is better calculated for a Hatter than any other tradesman, as it is now in almost a proper situation for such a mechanic, the kettles being already set. Terms of payment made liberal to the purchaser.

Charles Pingree.

Henniker, Oct. 25, 1815.

This stand was sold to a Mr. Durgin, who pursued the business of hat-making for many years after, the business finally running down upon his hands.

Jesse Ward manufactured hats for several years at West Henniker, in a little shop that stood on the "island." Mr. Ward was a superior workman, and lived where Alonzo Patterson and son now reside. Mr. Warde finally gave up the business, and pursued that of hotel-keeping.

EARTHQUAKES.

Hardly a year passes but what distinct shocks of the quaking of the earth are felt in this town. They are usually accompanied with a dull, rumbling sound, resembling the passing of a heavily-loaded wagon, and are quite short in duration. One of the first to attract the attention of the people was during the evening of Monday, Nov. 29, 1814, at seven o'clock. The motion was from west to east, and was very perceptibly felt. The most severe one yet experienced here was upon Sunday, Oct. 5, 1817, at ten minutes before twelve at noon. Mr. Sawyer was delivering his morning discourse, and so severe was the undulatory motion that some people left the church; but no serious alarm was given, and Mr. Sawyer finished his sermon. In some places nearly the whole congregation rushed into the open air.

GREAT FROST.

The great frost which occurred during the night of May 17, 1794, was one of the most destructive ever known in this part of the country. It was particularly so in this town. The season was uncommonly forward. Small fruits were well grown, and the apples upon the trees were as large as potato-balls, with every appearance of an abundant harvest. Corn was out of the ground, and in many places had been hoed the first time. Rye, upon burned ground, was headed out, and promised a great yield. The frost destroyed both fruit and the grain. The season had been very mild and pleasant, and such a thing as a heavy frost had not been thought of. But it came with terrible power. Water froze as thick as window-glass, and in some places to the thickness of an inch. The season came on warm, and the crops of corn and hay were good, all others being very limited. The frost was known for long years afterwards as the "great white frost."

SNOW-STORM.

There occurred in this town, Oct. 7, 1804, the largest fall of snow ever witnessed here in the fall of the year. Snow fell to the depth of over one foot upon the level. Few apples were gathered or potatoes dug. The snow melted from the fields largely, but remained in many places until the next spring. Hundreds of bushels of potatoes were frozen up, and lay in the ground all winter, and were only harvested when the ground opened in the spring.

SECOND HORSE IN TOWN.

Lieut. Samuel Wadsworth owned the second horse in this town. The date is uncertain, but was probably about 1767. The owner of the first horse is unknown.

HIGHWAY WARRANT.

We give the form of a highway warrant in the olden time. The original, of which this is an exact copy, is in the possession of Moses W. Rice.

State of New Hampshire. To Mr. Daniel Rice, Highway Surveyor for the year, Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the State of New Hampshire, to see that the within named persons work out the sums affixed against each of their names in the within List of Rates, which we hereby commit to you, amounting to 14£—3s—You are to work the following roads: Beginning at Hillsborough Line Near Matthias Heaths, & so easterly on the road By Amsden Mill, over the Plaine, To Cap. David Campbell, and the road By your house, to the Colbeys, also the road to John Harthorns & the new road to Charles Rices Land, and all other adjacent Roads your district formerly used to work on. You are to allow Three shillings Per Day for a sufficient hand & for a yoke of Oxen, from that time to the first Day of October next, and after that Time you are to allow Two shillings per Day, and for Carts & other utensils To Be at your Discretion, Reference Being had to the time they are in use.

You are to make return of this Warrant with your Doing to the Selectmen on or Before the first Day of June next: if any

of the within Named Persons refuse or Neglect to work on said roads after four Days notice Being first given to them, you are to Deal with them as the Law Directs, for which this shall be your Sufficient Warrant. Given under our Hands & Seals at Henniker This 9th Day of June 1792.

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| Jonas Bowman, | } | Selectmen for Henniker. |
| Francis Bowman, | | |
| David Clough, | | |

FUNERAL.

Old Mr. Elijah Rice, who resided with his son Daniel, in "Westbury Corner," was buried upon the 19th day of April, 1785. The snow was very deep at this late time in the spring, and the crust so strong that horses and oxen were driven anywhere with safety. Mr. Rice's body was borne to the grave in the old burial-yard near Mr. Connor's, upon a bier carried by strong, stalwart men. The procession crossed the river at West Henniker, and thence went by a straight line upon the crust directly to the yard. It required the services of several sets of bearers, the distance was so great. The day was bitterly cold, and the friends suffered severely in going to and from the grave.

From *The Mirror*, printed at Concord, July 17, 1798 :

RUNAWAY BOY.

Ran away from the subscriber on Tuesday last, an indented servant boy, named

Elijah Stone,
16 years old, about 5 feet 8 inches high, has long sandy coloured hair, light complexion, tall, slim built, and appears in his natural gait rather clumsy. He wore away with him the following species of cloathing, viz.: a damson blue coat and jacket—a pair of Nankeen overalls, and two felt hats.

All persons are forbid trusting said boy on my account: and they are likewise forbid harboring or employing him, as I will prosecute any one who may do so—Whoever will take up said runaway, and return him to his master, or give information where he may be found, shall have *Six Dollars* reward for their trouble.

Phinehas Campbell.

Henniker, June 30, 1798.

Hillsborough SS. } Dec. ye 12—1799.
 } We the Subscribers Being appointed Appraisers By David Clough, one of the Justices of the Peace for said County, to appraise a Bay mare with one white foot & a Star in her fourhead, Taken up in the highway the fifth Day of November Last by Walter Bowman, have attended said Business, and have appraised said mare at the sum of Seventy-Eight Dollars, witness our hands,
 Joshua Heath,
 Jonas Alexander.

Dec. ye 12, 1799. Then the Said Joshua Heath, and Jonas Alexander made oath that in appraising s^d mare, they acted according to their best Skil & Judgment.

Before me,

David Clough, J. P.

There lived at one time, in the north-easterly part of the town, a man by the name of Bancroft, who was a broom-maker by trade. He was a very troublesome man, and continually in a quarrel with some of his neighbors. He was a neighbor of Jonathan Ray, with whom he had some misunderstanding, and meeting him one day, he assaulted and injured him severely. Mr. Ray caused his arrest, and he was arraigned before Judge Darling, to answer to the complaint. He pleaded guilty, and was very sorry for his deed. He was discharged by signing to the following

AGREEMENT.

Henniker, June 9, 1809.

I Sievery Bancroft of the Town of Henniker in the county of Hillsborough & State of New Hampshire, yeoman, do obligate myself to pay and deliver unto Mr. Jonathan Ray, of Henniker, *one pig*, which I now own, *two hens*, and *twelve Good Brooms*, in three weeks & I do further obligate myself, that in three weeks from this time I will move myself and Family from the Town of Henniker, and promise *never to return* to the Town of Henniker to dwell, and provided the said Bancroft complies with the above contract, then the said Ray agrees to discharge the said Sievery Bancroft from a complaint & Warrant which the said Ray issued against him the said Bancroft, and in default of said Bancroft complying with the obligation aforesaid

then the Judgment awarded in the trial is to be put in full force against me the said Bancroft.

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| Attest, | Thomas Brown, } Joshua Darling, } | His Sievery X Bancroft Mark. |
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ANECDOTE.

Bears and wolves were quite numerous in the other parts of the town, especially upon "Goss hill." Isaac Patterson and his brother Joseph made a clearing near where is now the house of Barak Colby. They were some of the earliest settlers, it will be remembered, of the town. They had a log barn in which they housed the few sheep and the pigs they owned. This had to be done nightly, so plenty were the wild animals. The bears, notwithstanding this precaution, were quite troublesome, especially after the snows became deep and food scarce in the forests. Being troubled with them exceedingly, these two men resolved one night to keep watch and see if some bear could not be killed. About midnight a bear made his appearance at the little barn, when they fired at him, but he made his escape as fast as possible. The next morning, in company with Ephraim Goss, their neighbor, they tracked him into the forest below their house, came up with him, and succeeded in killing him. Mr. Goss came up behind the Pattersons, and fired at the bear, saying at the same time, "There, didn't you hear that whisper?" He was ever after known as "Whisper Goss."

CORONER'S INQUEST.

State of New Hampshire. } An Injunction taken at Henni-
Hillsborough, ss. } ker within the said County of
Hillsborough the 25th day of September in the year of our
Lord one thousand Eight hundred & Six, before Enoch Long
Jun^r Esq^r, one of the Coroners of the said County of Hillsbor-
ough, upon the view of the body of Nathan Blanchard, there
lying dead, by the oaths of Samuel Wadsworth, Amos Gould,
Joseph Plummer, Ezra Tucker, Israel Adams 3^d, Alexander
Patterson, Elias Gould, Moses Connor, Bodwell Emerson,

Parker Pearson, Benjamin Eaton, and Joseph Estabrook, good and Careful men, who being sworn and charged to inquire for the said State, when, how, and by what means the said Nathan Blanchard came to his death, upon their oaths do say that the said Nathan Blanchard was casually drowned attempting to cross Contoocook river in a small boat at Kimballs point, (so called.) It appears, by the testimony given, that the said Nathan Blanchard was drowned as aforesaid between sunset on Wednesday the 24th and one oclock P. M. on thursday the 25th instant, about which last mentioned time he was found, taken up, and conveyed to the late dwelling house of the said deceased, in Henniker by Moses Connor, Oliver Noyes, Phinehas Campbell, Elijah Stone, Jonas Bowman, Capt. Harris, John Gibson, Abraham Fifield, Aaron Adams, & Thomas Brown, upon a board.

And so the Jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do say, that the said Nathan Blanchard, upon their oaths aforesaid, came to his death by misfortune.

(Foreman,) Samuel Wadsworth (LS) Moses Connor, (LS)
 Amos Gould, (LS) Bodwell Emerson, (LS)
 Joseph Plummer, (LS) Parker Pearson, (LS)
 Ezra Tucker, (LS) Benjamin Eaton, (LS)
 Alexander Patterson, (LS) Joseph Estabrook, (LS)
 Elias Gould, (LS) Israel Adams, 3^d (LS)

In witness of all before written the said Coroner hath hereunto set his hand & Seal the same day and year.

Enoch Long Jun^r, Coroner (LS)

A true copy—Attest—

Enoch Long Jun^r, Coroner.

WILLOW TREE.

The willow which has stood for so many years in front of the old "Plummer place," in the south-east part of the town, has an interesting history. Joseph Plummer, Sen., came home one day on horseback, more than a century ago, using for a riding stick a small willow twig. He imbedded one end of it in the ground, and shortly after a little daughter of his pulled it up; her father reprimanded her sharply for the act, saying to her if she did the same thing again he should punish her. She repeated the act, when his promise was carried into effect; and the twig, which

was used in the punishment, was again placed in the ground. From it grew the enormous tree that shaded the house for so many years.

ELM TREE.

The magnificent elm standing in front of Mr. Charles Stevens's house was set out by Major Crocker almost a century ago. Dr. Amos Whitney then resided there.

LIBRARY.

A library association was formed in this town November 30, 1803, consisting of many of the prominent men of the town, and for several years was quite prosperous, containing at one time 170 volumes—a large number for those days. The books were sold by auction when the association disbanded.

In 1866, another library association was formed, comprising many of the young ladies and gentlemen of the town, and, by the means of donations, levees, and purchases, the library at one time contained nearly one thousand volumes. Although quite prosperous for a while, it soon saw the need of a fund to assist it in keeping up with the publications of the day, for the want of which the association became extinct, and the books scattered.

REMINISCENCES.

The following interesting reminiscences are from the pen of C. H. Gould, Esq., of Cincinnati, O. :

The writer has pleasant but also sad recollections of the home of his childhood,—of things and people that were, but are not.

The old Congregational church, once standing between the Gould and Rice residences, but long since burned down, with its sheds in the rear: looking into the interior, we find the high pulpit of the olden time, with the gallery

all round ; pews with the seats hinged, to accommodate the order of standing in prayer time. The pulpit was furnished with two large volumes of the illustrated Bible, the pictures of which he spent many hours in examining when he went to unlock and open the church on the Sunday mornings. But the worshippers of that day have also passed away, and, like the building, remain only in memory. They came from Westbury Corner, Pork Hill, Federal Hill, Hemlock Corner, as well as from the villages, and "Priest Sawyer" seldom failed of having an appreciative audience. They came in all kinds of weather, although there was no shade from the summer's sun, or heat of any kind in the house to protect from the severity of the cold of winter. They came prompt to the hour. The Woodses, Wadsworths, Morrisons, Gibsons, and Colbys, from Westbury Corner ; the Childses, Whitneys, Smiths, Gosses, and Pattersons from Pork Hill ; the Cogswells, Connors, Proctors, &c., from Federal Hill ; and the Peterses, Fosters, Rays, and Connors from Hemlock Corner. They came in their Yankee wagons and one-horse chaises, and the quiet of the still Sabbath morning would be transformed into the bustle of a city for a few minutes ; but within these minutes all of these, with the people of the villages, would be gathered into the church, and all would have assumed the quiet of the well-ordered church assembly.

The preaching was doctrinal, logical, scriptural, and impressive ; convicting of sin, and of righteousness and judgment ; but lacking the simple scriptural answer to the question, "What shall I do to be saved ?" found in Acts, 11 : 38.

The singing was good. The old church tunes and hymns were so rendered as to make that part of the worship impressive. John Connor was the leader of the choir. He was by nature a musician. Dr. Sanborn and Col. Imri Woods were the players on the violoncello ; William Foster the player upon the double-bass. The Cogswells, Whitneys, Fosters, and others carried the bass, and Lucinda Gould was

the leading soprano. Carlos Gould accompanied on the clarinet, and others on the various parts. The number averaged from twenty to thirty. It was the pride of the church in those days, especially about Thanksgiving time, when they would, after considerable preparation for that occasion, render some of the old anthems. These old church choirs were the beginning of a musical culture and taste that have spread far and wide since those days. The violoncello, double-bass viol, clarinet, and flute have been superseded by the organ, with its many instruments all under the control of one player ; but even now the many instruments and the many players are resorted to when fine execution is demanded ; and the present generation of Henniker may not be quite sure that in the execution of church music they are much in advance of fifty years ago.

Intimately connected with the church and its session was the old town library, and although insignificant as compared with things of its class, it may not be unworthy of a place in the town's history. For many years Elias Gould was the librarian, and it was kept in what was then the dining-room and kitchen, as a convenient place for the church-going people who came to the house to warm at the time of recess between the two meetings on Lord's days. It contained between two and three hundred volumes, embracing histories, poems, treatises upon astronomy, theology, nature, art, etc. There was only one work of fiction, and its title was "No Fiction."

This room was the place for the attendants at the church to warm, get books, and discuss the merits of the morning's sermon, all of which was done decently and in order, with due respect to the day.

CHAPTER XXII.

INDUSTRIES OF THE TOWN—STATISTICS—POEM—VISIT
TO A CENTENARIAN—CONTOOCH RIVER—POEM.

THE CONTOOCH VALLEY PAPER COMPANY.

THIS company was established in 1871, and purchased the water-power at West Henniker, which had lain idle since the burning of Mr. Cheney's paper-mill, February 8, 1869. The dam in the river above the mill site was in a damaged condition, and the canal in so bad a state as to be almost useless, when this company purchased the property. This company was composed of P. C. Cheney & Co., one third owner; Henry T. Hill, one third owner; and Henry A. Emerson, one third owner. It was incorporated in June, 1872. The town, at a meeting held June 8, 1871, voted to exempt their improvements from taxation for a term of ten years. A new mill was built, also a new dam; the canal was enlarged and made secure, and the bulkhead built entirely new, all at an outlay of \$50,000. Since then, the property has changed hands somewhat. It has added to its mill, in room and machinery, has purchased a large amount of real estate that it needed in the village, and has been in constant operation since it was first started, save when repairs were necessary to be made. The mill furnishes employment for about thirty-five hands, and the monthly payroll exceeds \$1,000. Six hundred tons of paper are made yearly at the mill, which is in constant operation, both day and

night. The value of goods manufactured by the mill yearly is fully \$100,000. The officers of the corporation, December, 1879, were O. D. Murray, Nashua, President; H. W. Gilman, Nashua, Treasurer; T. P. Pierce, Nashua, Clerk of Corporation; Henry A. Emerson, Henniker, Agent. Mr. Emerson has been agent of the corporation for several years, and under his management and skill the goods manufactured have taken a high rank in the market, especially their book paper, which is pronounced by competent and impartial judges to be the very best manufactured in New England. Besides book paper, this company manufacture news- and card-paper of an excellent quality. They are now owners of the entire water-power at West Henniker, which is one of the most valuable on the Contoocook river. A machine-shop is connected with the mill, in constant operation, in which the repairing and new work for the mill is done, and also a general business.

In January, 1880, Mr. Emerson retired from the firm, and the company was consolidated with the Nashua Card and Glazed Paper Company of Nashua, with a capital of \$200,000. The three first officers of the company remain the same,—William M. Gilman, resident director.

JOHN GUTTERSON'S GRIST-, FLOUR-, AND SAW-MILL.

John Gutterson purchased the "lower mills" in the autumn of 1862, building them entirely new since then at a cost for mill and machinery of \$7,000. In 1873 he rebuilt the dam, which had then been in existence for 107 years, having been thrown across the river in 1766. One log now remains in the dam that was placed in it when first built. In November, 1864, Mr. Gutterson purchased and brought to town a car-load of corn, containing 416 bushels. This was the first car-load of corn brought into town for sale, and it was not all disposed of until the April following. He now averages in sales over 7,000 bushels yearly, and from twenty-five to thirty tons of shorts.

The amount of lumber sawed in his mill since he became owner has been 400,000 feet yearly. He also has machinery for dressing and finishing lumber. In this mill, Gage & Co. manufactured dry measures until their new mill was built.

DILLINGHAM & CO.'S GRIST- AND FLOURING-MILL.

This mill is known as the "Wallace mill." It does a large amount of grinding, and sells yearly from 5,000 to 7,000 bushels of corn, from fifteen to twenty tons of shorts, threshes upon an average 2,000 bushels of grain of various kinds, and makes 300 barrels of cider.

GAGE & CO.'S DRY MEASURES, BOX, AND SAW-MILL.

The mill belonging to this firm is situated one mile north of the village, and its power is fed by water from Long pond. Their building is five stories high, on one side of which is their saw-mill, and in its rear, in the second story, the machinery for dressing and finishing lumber. In the rooms above, dry measures, nest boxes, and piggins are yearly manufactured, to the value of \$5,000. 500,000 feet of lumber is the annual product of their saw-mill.

In one room of the mill Messrs. Gage & McAlpine manufacture furniture, door knobs, and door stops to the value of several hundreds of dollars yearly.

Messrs. Gage & Co. have invested in the building and the machinery \$10,000, and employ, on the average, ten hands. The goods manufactured by this firm are first-class, and command a ready market, being shipped to all parts of the United States.

KIT MANUFACTORY.

George W. S. Dow & Co. have a large amount invested in water-power, buildings, and machinery, and in good times manufacture 60,000 kits a year. They have also machinery for dressing and finishing lumber, which they do to a large

extent. Connected with their mill is also a shingle-mill, where they saw annually a large number of shingles. Dow & Co. employ, on the average, ten hands.

TIN SHOP.

Messrs. Harriman & Marshall manufacture a very large amount of tin, copper, and iron ware.

SHINGLE- AND CIDER-MILL.

George E. Barnes has a shingle- and cider-mill just above Gage & Co.'s, taking his water-power from Long pond. He performs most of the labor in his mill himself, and saws 200,000 shingles annually, and some clapboards, and makes upon an average, yearly, 450 barrels of cider.

BROWN'S MILL.

Messrs. Brown & Gove, in the south part of the town, grind corn, saw shingles, and thresh to quite a large amount at their mill.

John C. Newton & Son have a new saw-mill just below the Brown mill.

BASKET-SHOP.

Messrs. Fred H. Barnes and George W. Farmer have a basket-shop in the north-east part of the town, where they manufacture superior baskets, to the value of many hundreds of dollars yearly, for all of which they find a ready sale.

CIDER-MILL.

Hazen K. Plummer has a cider-mill in the south-east part of the town, where is made yearly 250 barrels of cider.

RAKE FACTORY.

For more than a third of a century Isaac Morse has had a mill on the little stream in the south part of the town,

where he has sawn shingles and laths, and manufactured wheelbarrows and rakes, to a large amount in value yearly.

Close by him is the mill of George Carnes, who occupies a part of the year in manufacturing wheelbarrows and other useful articles.

COOPER SHOP.

Moses Garland, at his shop, manufactures a large amount of pork- and beef-barrels, for which he finds a ready sale. Some seasons, in addition to his other work, he manufactures quantities of flour-barrels.

HARNESS-SHOP.

Messrs. Rogers & Sargent, at their shop, manufacture a large number of harnesses yearly, all of which are readily sold.

At the wheelwright shop of James Wilkins and Daniel E. Putney many carriages and sleighs are manufactured for sale.

At the several stores and shops in the town, goods to the value of over \$100,000 are sold yearly.

Some of the former industries of Henniker have now become extinct. Capt. Aaron Adams had, near his residence in the south-east part of the town, a distillery, where quite an extensive business was done at one time. The business ceased soon after his death. A rope-walk, several hatters' shops, potash manufactories, several large tanneries, the manufacture of shoe-pegs, which was at one time carried on largely at West Henniker by David Houston and George Arnold, the manufacture of powder-kegs by Hiram M. Davis & Co., clothing- and carding-mills, linseed oil by Moses Brown and Mr. Gove, chairs by John Kirk, and cabinet-work by John Peters.

In the spring of 1873 a company was formed under the name of the "Henniker Boot & Shoe Co.," for the manufac-

ture of ladies' boots and shoes. Several thousands of dollars were furnished, and a building 60 by 30, four stories in height, was erected just north of the residence of Mrs. Modica. Quite an amount of boots and shoes was made for a couple of years, furnishing employment for many persons; but the depression of the times and the overstocking of the market were ruinous to the company, and work ceased. The building now occupies the site of the brick building burned in 1876, and is used for a store, shop, offices, halls, etc.

The several industries of the town are now in a prosperous condition, and in their prosecution there is invested at least \$150,000. They furnish employment for from 75 to 100 hands, and manufacture and sell goods to the amount of \$250,000 annually. The productions of the soil amount annually to \$150,000. The inhabitants of the town have \$175,000 in the different savings banks of the state; \$30,000 in railroad bonds and stocks; \$100,000 in government bonds and other securities not otherwise named; and \$3,000 is received annually from summer tourists.

In pursuance of an act passed at the June session of the legislature in 1871, the town held a meeting July 7, 1871, and voted to exempt from taxation, for a term of ten years, any improvements of the water-power of the town to the value of \$10,000. At the annual meeting, held March 11, 1873, this vote was amended so as to include the manufacture of cotton, woollen, wood, or iron goods, and of any other material.

VILLAGES.

The first settlement at West Henniker village was begun about 1783, by the Amsden brothers, of Bolton, Mass., who were millers by trade. The brick houses in the village, so nearly alike, were erected, the one by John Campbell, the other by Col. Imri Woods. There was at one time within its limits a woollen factory, a grist- and saw-mill, a mill for the manufacture of shoe pegs, a carding-mill, blacksmith

shop, cabinet shop, hatter's shop, several carpenter shops, and a store. At present it contains the large paper-mill, machine-shop, store, and post-office.

There were no permanent settlements in what is now the main village, until about the commencement of the present century. Annas Campbell had erected a good house ; a log house stood in what is now the garden of L. W. Cogswell, and was occupied by Ensign Elijah Rice ; a log house stood midway of the square between the present hotel and Noyes's new block ; no other house nearer than Mr. Peters's, under the " Scales hill," on the north side of the river, save at the lower mills. On the south side, Mr. Hemphill had a house where Charles Nichols now resides. A house or two had been erected near the lower mills, on both sides of the river. The village has continued to grow from that date,—first, a store ; then a hotel ; then other trades ; and at the present time there are within its limits upwards of one hundred dwelling-houses, two churches, academy, hotel, two school-houses, three large blocks each sixty feet in length, one three, one four, and one five stories in height ; tin shop, two grist- and flouring-mills, saw-mill, kit factory, wheelwright's shop, five blacksmith shops, three stores, one tailor's shop, several shoe shops, two millinery shops, tannery, meat market, saddler's shop, jeweller, dentist, barber, and halls for Masons, Odd Fellows, Grangers, and Reform Club.

VISIT TO A CENTENARIAN.

The following sketch, written by P. B. Cogswell, is taken from the *Independent Democrat*, of June 10, 1869 :

One of those rare but exceedingly interesting events, the completion of a century of time in the life of an individual, occurred at Henniker, on Saturday, the 5th instant, the person being Mrs. Ruth Hemphill, whose life covers almost the entire history of the town. Hundreds of people availed themselves of the opportunity to call upon her on that day

including men, women, and children. She endured the fatigue and excitement attendant upon so many calls most wonderfully, considering her usual habits were so completely interrupted during the day and evening. Of late she has been in the habit of going to bed early in the afternoon. On this day, visitors began calling early in the forenoon, and she took a nap at 10 o'clock of nearly two hours, and again in the afternoon of about the same length, so that she could remain up and receive a serenade from the Henniker Cornet Band, which honored her with a visit about 8 o'clock in the evening, playing for her nearly an hour.

During the day and evening probably three hundred persons saw her, and many of them conversed with her. She seemed to enter into the spirit of the occasion, and was quite talkative, mentioning many incidents in her early life, and particularly concerning the soldiers who went from the town during the Revolutionary war : how they were marched into the old log meeting-house, and were preached to by the first minister of the town, Rev. Jacob Rice, etc. Her recollections of the battle of Bunker Hill were quite distinct.

Her room was bountifully supplied with bouquets of flowers, especially with the pink azalia ; and a great many of her callers, knowing her fondness for sweetmeats, provided her amply with confectionery and figs, which she requested to have carefully laid aside "in her basket," consoling herself with the remark that she "should have something to eat to-morrow." She seemed to enjoy the music very much, and expressed her delight at the close of every piece, and even thought she could almost dance to a waltz which was played. She was remarkably bright through the day, and said a great many quaint things, and indulged in some jokes, thus proving that not only

"A little nonsense now and then,
Is relished by the best of men,"

but by a centenarian also. It was our good fortune to be present in the evening, and to see her again on the following day, and hear from her own lips some of the facts of her early life, which we here present.

Mrs. Ruth Hemphill was the sixth child of Dea. Ebenezer and Ruth Harthorn (Dea. Harthorn being the thirteenth settler of the town). Dea. Harthorn removed to Henniker from Marlborough, Mass., and was the first deacon in the town. He erected the second frame house in Henniker, which is now standing in excellent preservation at West Henniker, and is owned and occupied by Col. L. W. Cogswell. It was in this house that this daughter Ruth was born. Ruth was one of the two first children baptised in town, the ceremony being performed on the same day.

In August, 1794, she married James Hemphill, a native of Windham, and, like Andy Johnson, a tailor by trade, who was eight years her senior in age. He served in the Revolutionary war, as is believed by his children, nearly through the whole of it, although she drew a pension as his widow for only eight months' service. It is certain that he served under two terms of enlistment. He died at Henniker, April 15, 1816, the year known as the "spotted-fever year," and two of their children also died the same year of that disease.

Mrs. Hemphill had a family of ten children,—nine boys and one girl,—and all through life has been a remarkably industrious and hard-working woman. She was taught to spin and weave when a very small girl, and one year after she had her whole family, wove over 700 yards of cloth, besides taking care of her family. She was noted as a spinner and weaver, and by her skill maintained and brought up her large family, she being left without much means at the time of her husband's death. All the shoe-thread used in town for years was spun by her. She was also skilled as a braider of straw, and knitting was her delight. A pair of stockings knit since she was 95 years old will compare well with the very best specimens exhibited at fairs. For the

past four years she has been unable to knit in consequence of her inability to keep the count of stitches.

She lived for about sixty-five years after her marriage in a house near the present town-house, on the road from the village to the depot. Since that time she has resided with two of her sons,—J. D. Hemphill, now of Grantham, and Ebenezer Hemphill, whose house is about a mile and a half below Henniker village, on the main road to Weare. Only two others of her children are living,—Robert in western New York, and Peter in Springfield, this state, both aged men. The exact number of her descendants is not known to any of the family, but in 1861 they numbered between sixty and seventy; and probably there are over a hundred of them to-day, as one of the sixth generation is living at the West.

She is the only person born in the town who ever attained the age of 100 years, and probably another instance will never occur. Two other individuals have died in the town who were 100 years or more old, viz., Widow Sally Hardy, in 1844, at the age of 103 years, who moved to town some time after the birth of Mrs. Hemphill; and Maj. Jeremiah Crocker, a colored man, who died June 14, 1836, whose age was not positively known. He was a drummer in the Revolutionary war, and a servant to General Washington; and from incidents which he used to relate as transpiring in his early life, he must have been at least 100 years old at his decease.

Mrs. Hemphill is unable to walk, and sits in a chair, which she can move about somewhat. Her eyes are quite bright, and she distinguishes many of the passers by the horses which they drive. She seems to be in good health, and has an excellent appetite, and is anticipating with much pleasure the coming of string beans and cucumbers. She has been a temperate woman during life, though Father Trask will be grieved to know that for many years she was an inveterate snuff-taker. After leaving that off, on the earnest

urging of her sons, she immediately took up smoking, which she continued till a few years since, when a fit of sickness came upon her, and she lost all desire to smoke, and has never resumed the habit since. Her powers of endurance have been remarkable through life. She used to ride to Windham on horseback, and carry a child in her arms ; and only last year she rode to Grantham, a distance of twenty-seven miles, to visit her son. In early life she used frequently to ferry people across the Contoocook river, at a ferrying-place near her father's house, the landing of which is still plainly to be seen. Her life covers almost the entire history of the town of Henniker, it being incorporated in 1768, and much of its unwritten history has been and can be gathered from her.

CONTOOCCOOK RIVER.

The Contoocook (meaning long river) was always called, in the grants and plans of the townships through which it passed, "the great river." The town of Rindge, in the south-western part of the state, is divided into two parts by the water-shed of the Connecticut and Merrimack valleys. Contoocook river takes its rise in Long pond, in Rindge, which drains the northern slope of the town, and receives a small branch before it reaches East Jaffrey, where there is a large manufactory. It receives two small streams before reaching Peterborough, the largest manufacturing town in south-western New Hampshire, where it receives the Nubanusit, which is quite a river of itself. It receives many brooks before reaching this town, and upon it, at Bennington and Hillsborough Bridge, it is used largely for manufacturing and mechanical purposes. It enters Henniker from Hillsborough in the ninth range, and in the centre of the ninth lot of the range ; it is very circuitous in its course through the town, running north-easterly, and reaches its highest point in that direction in the sixth range, east side of the ninth lot of the range ; thence flows south-

easterly into the range in which it enters the township, and passes out of the town into Hopkinton at the north-east corner of the same range in which it enters the town. Its circuit in the town is about eight miles. It passes on through Hopkinton, and enters the Merrimack at Fisherville. It receives several brooks in its course through this town, the largest being Ammi brook, a little river in itself.

As most appropriate in this place, we append the following gem from one of the sweetest poets of the land, Henniker's gifted daughter, Edna Dean Proctor, who was born on

"The pine-crowned hill,
That overhangs the village plain."

How true to life is her description of this beautiful river!

CONTOOCCOOK RIVER.

BY EDNA DEAN PROCTOR.

Of all the streams that seek the sea
By mountain pass or sunny lea,
Now where is one that dares to vie
With clear Contoocook, swift and shy?
Monadnock's child, of snow-drifts born,
The snows of many a winter morn,
And many a midnight dark and still,
Heaped higher, whiter, day by day,
To melt, at last, with suns of May,
And steal, in tiny fall and rill,
Down the long slopes of granite gray;
Or, filter slow through seam and cleft
When frost and storm the rock have reft,
To bubble cool in sheltered springs,
Where the lone red-bird dips his wings,
And the tired fox that gains its brink
Stoops, safe from hound and horn, to drink.
And rills and springs, grown broad and deep,
Unite through gorge and glen to sweep
In roaring brooks that turn and take
The over-floods of pool and lake,
Till to the fields the hills deliver
Contoocook's bright and brimming river!

Oh! have you seen, from Hillsboro' town,
How fast its tide goes hurrying down,
With rapids now, and now a leap
Past giant boulders, black and steep,
Plunged in mid water, fain to keep
Its current from the meadows green?
But, flecked with foam, it speeds along;
And not the birch tree's silvery sheen,
Nor the soft lull of whispering pines,
Nor hermit thrushes, fluting low,
Nor ferns, nor cardinal flowers that glow
Where clematis, the fairy, twines,
Can stay its course, or still its song;
Ceaseless it flows, till, round its bed,
The vales of Henniker are spread,
Their banks all set with golden grain,
Or stately trees whose vistas gleam—
A double forest in the stream;
And winding 'neath the pine-crowned hill
That overhangs the village plain,
By sunny reaches, broad and still,
It nears the bridge that spans its tide—
The bridge whose arches low and wide
It ripples through—and should you lean
A moment there, no lovelier scene
On England's Wye, or Scotland's Tay,
Would charm your gaze, a summer's day.

And on it glides, by grove and glen,
Dark woodlands, and the homes of men,
With now a ferry, now a mill;
Till, deep and calm, its waters fill
The channels round that gem of isles
Sacred to captives' woes and wiles,
And, gleeful half, half eddying back,
Blend with the lordly Merrimack;
And Merrimack, whose tide is strong,
Rolls gently, with its waves along,
Monadnock's stream, that, coy and fair,
Has come its larger life to share,
And to the sea doth safe deliver
Contoocook's bright and brimming river!

GENEALOGICAL REGISTER.

GENEALOGY AND HISTORY OF HENNIKER FAMILIES.

THIS register contains a record of all the early families of this town which it has been possible to obtain ; also, a very large number of the later families in the town.

To collect, prepare, and arrange this register has required a vast amount of labor as well as patience, as, save in a few instances, I have endeavored to make it historical rather than eulogistic. Hundreds of letters have been written, innumerable interviews have taken place, and public and private papers have been attentively perused. Many of the older families had left behind them but little record, and many families, both of the earlier and later, will find in this register the only record they ever saw or heard of of their ancestors, and many, even, of their own families. Errors there will undoubtedly be, but I have endeavored to make it as reliable as is possible to be done. The record of many families is incomplete, from the fact that my urgent requests for more knowledge of them have not been regarded. In most instances, however, information has been promptly and cheerfully given.

I call particular attention to the large number of eminent men and women Henniker has produced, who have done much to honor their native town. It will be seen that one family—Lieut. John Goodenow—had five sons, all of whom

became eminent lawyers, and two of them members of congress. I take pleasure in presenting this, as I believe, the most perfect register yet published in the history of any town in this state. I have the pleasure of giving a short sketch of a few of the original proprietors of the township, with a *fac-simile* of their hand-writing, for which I am indebted to Robert C. Mack, Esq., the eminent historian of Londonderry.

EXPLANATIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS.

In each family the parents' names will be found in full, while the Christian names only of the children are given. When grandchildren are given, they are numbered in Roman numerals, I, II, III, etc. The numbers of the family are given consecutively in the margin, and members of the family are given in the order in which they are produced.

The sign of + after a person's name denotes that the name will again appear with the same number enclosed in a parenthesis.

Abbreviations—b. stands for born ; d. for died ; md. for married ; dau. for daughter ; unmd. for unmarried.

ABBOTT.

1. George Abbott, of Andover, Mass., was the ancestor of the Abbott family, largely, in this country. Jabez Abbott, son of Jabez, son of Thomas, son of Thomas, son of George of Andover, resided in Concord, where he md. Hepzibah Stevens.

2. Dyer Abbott, son of Jabez and Hepzibah Abbott, was b. in Concord, June 18, 1778. Md. at the commencement of the present century, Sarah Atkinson, and, in company with his mother-in-law, came to this town in 1810, and purchased of the heirs of Maj. David Campbell the place now owned and occupied by

W. S. Childs and his sons. Mr. Abbott was a great lover of music, and was chorister of the North Church in Concord in 1805. He d. March 8, 1832.

Born in Concord.

3. Charles, b. Aug. 20, 1802. 4. Sarah J., b. Jan. 28, 1810.
Born in Henniker.
5. Herman, b. Oct. 16, 1811; afterwards insane.
6. Maria, b. July 24, 1813. 7. John, b. Aug. 14, 1815.
8. Seth, b. March, 12, 1817; resides in Illinois, and is the father of Emma Abbott, the celebrated prima donna.
9. Frances B., b. Jan. 12, 1819.
10. Phebe C., b. Feb. 10, 1821; d. Feb. 17, 1832.
11. Mary, b. Jan. 26, 1823; d. Feb. 12, 1832.
12. Benjamin A., b. Jan. 20, 1825; d. Feb. 13, 1832.

13. Timothy Abbott, md. Sarah, dau. of Ezekiel Smith, of this town, and resided a number of years on the Wadsworth Hill road. Nothing is known of the family after leaving town. Children born here :

14. James, b. Feb. 17, 1788. 15. Daniel, b. Mar. 12, 1790.
16. Nathan, b. Dec. 22, 1791. 17. Seba, b. July 28, 1794.
18. Sally, b. July 25, 1796. 19. Jenny, b. April 1, 1798.
20. Appleton, b. May 4, 1800. 21. Jonas, b. Feb. 14, 1802.

22. William Abbott, was b. in Bradford, Aug. 23, 1788; was a shoemaker, and came to this town about 1812. He md. Lucinda Bailey, July 4, 1815, who was b. Aug. 6, 1796. He d. Dec. 12, 1840; his wife d. Feb. 13, 1864.

23. Lucretia A., b. May 14, 1816; md. Harvey Allen.
24. Calvin, b. Nov. 11, 1817; resides in Michigan, unmd.
25. Mary G., b. June 16, 1819; d. Sept. 16, 1820.
26. Louisa, b. Dec. 26, 1820; md. — Gray.
27. George, b. March 7, 1823; d. Oct. 8, 1823.
28. Harrison, b. Sept. 14, 1824; d. March 29, 1826.
29. William, b. July 14, 1827. †
30. Madison, b. March 5, 1830; d. Jan. 10, 1842.
31. Helen, b. Dec. 6, 1833; md. Jan. 1, 1856, Alvin N. Judd, Dunkirk, N. Y. Has several children.
32. I. William B., b. Jan. 5, 1862, and other children.

- (29). William Abbott, md. Nov. 29, 1860, Abby P., dau. of Daniel and Jane S. Rice, of this town ; resided here most of the time until 1873, when he removed to Michigan, and now resides at Petoskey, in that state. Is a machinist and farmer, and will be remembered as one of the leading musicians of Henniker, and of the state.
33. Louisa, M., b. Feb. 16, 1862 ; d. June 10, 1863.
 34. William M., b. Nov. 29, 1863.
 35. Frank M., b. Dec. 4, 1868.
 36. Charles R. D., b. Dec. 13, 1878.
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ADAMS.

This family was at one time one of the most numerous in town. Some of the earliest settlers and most enterprising citizens of Henniker were found in this family. Not one of the name from this family now resides in the town, and only one representative of the family. The families that resided here were descendants of Richard Adams, who was a tailor by trade, and was at Salem, Mass., in 1638, and Newbury, Mass., 1640 ; emigrated from Devonshire, Eng., and md. Eleanor —, who d. June 12, 1677. The record of the Adams family is very incomplete.

1. Capt. Aaron Adams was the son of Israel Adams, b. in Rowley, Mass., 1739, and md. Betsey, and settled in this town soon after its incorporation. He resided near where J. H. Matthews now lives, and was at one time quite a large distiller. He was for many years one of the most influential men of the town, and represented it in the legislature of 1798-'99, and was one of the selectmen in 1773, '74, '75, and '86 ; was commissioned Lieutenant 8th Co., 15th Reg. N. H. Militia, March 1, 1774. He d. March 14, 1819. His wife d. April 27, 1818.

Born in Rowley, Mass.

2. Gideon, b. Aug. 28, 1764. †
3. Moses, b. Dec. 2, 1766. †
4. William, b. Dec. 27, 1769. †

Born in Henniker.

5. Stephen, b. March 15, 1774; } d. Aug. 30, 1777.
 6. James, b. March 15, 1774; } d. Sept. 4, 1777.
 7. Aaron, b. July 10, 1777. S. George, b. Aug. 21, 1784.+
 9. Betsey, b. 1786; md. Moses Pressey, March 14, 1811.
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(2). Gideon Adams, md. Lucy —, and resided upon what is now known as the Squire Dow place. He was the first merchant in the town.

10. Elizabeth, b. Dec., 1784. 11. Mary, b. Aug. 27, 1786.
 12. Phebe, b. May 10, 1789. 13. Lucy, b. May 31, 1791.
 14. Thomas P., b. July 31, 1793.
 15. Aaron, b. Nov. 7, 1795. 16. Lucinda, b. June 25, 1798.
 17. Joseph Lewis, b. Oct. 4, 1800.
 18. George W., b. Jan. 24, 1803.
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(3). Moses Adams, was one of the selectmen of the town in 1794, '95, '96, '97, '98, and 1800. There is no record of his marriage or of his family but this.

19. James, b. Feb. 15, 1789; was always known as "Master Adams," having taught school a great deal in this and other towns. He d. in Weare, Sept. 22, 1870.
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(4). William Adams, md. first wife, Mary Hanaford, who d. July 2, 1807, and he md. second wife, Polly, dau. of Eliphalet Wood, of Harvard, Mass., who d. April 20, 1841. He d. Jan. 6, 1851.

20. Stephen, b. 1792.+ 21. James, b. March 21, 1794.+
 22. George, b. —; md. Mary Thurston; no children; committed suicide.
 23. William, b. 1798; d. Aug. 30, 1803.
 24. Polly, b. —. 25. Betsey, b. 1803; d. Oct. 19, 1803.
Children second wife.
 26. Patty, b. 1808; d. April 2, 1809.
 27. John, b. May 17, 1810.+
 28. Sally, b. —; md. Richard Alley.
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(8). George Adams, md. March 6, 1806, Olive, dau. of Jonas and Lucy P. Alexander, of this town, and resided near the old homestead. He d. March 3, 1852.

29. Aaron A., b. Sept. 2, 1806. 30. Betsey, b. Jan. 5, 1808.
 31. Gilbert, b. July 2, 1809. 32. Jane M., b. June 22, 1810.
 33. Sophronia, b. Dec. 2, 1811. 34. Dean, b. Dec. 27, 1813.
 35. Maria Jane, b. Oct. 1, 1816. 36. Abi, b. Dec. 15, 1819.

(20). Capt. Stephen Adams, md. Abi, dau. of Jonas and Lucy P. Alexander. He d. July 1, 1843; widow still living.

37. William, b. 1810; d. March 25, 1816.
 38. Mary, b. —; md. Col. David Eaton, of Hopkinton.
 39. Sally P., b. 1814; d. Nov. 12, 1837.
 40. Martha, b. —. 41. Stephen D., b. —.

(21). James Adams, md. Lydia Johnson, Feb. 12, 1815. He d. March 10, 1850; his wife d. April 10, 1865.

42. Betsey G., b. June 3, 1815.
 43. James M., b. March 28, 1817.
 44. Harriet R., b. July 4, 1819; md. Isaac Rowell, West Hopkinton, Feb. 20, 1840;—mother of five children.
 45. Mary J., b. Oct. 8, 1821.
 46. William, b. Jan. 13, 1824; md. Angelina, dau. of Joseph Felch; resides in Michigan.
 47. George W., b. May 13, 1826.
 48. Franklin P., b. Aug. 9, 1828; d. March 21, 1829.
 49. Maria, b. —.
 50. Franklin P., b. 1834; d. April 12, 1836.
 51. Lydia A., b. 1837; d. Feb. 9, 1841.

(27). John Adams, md. first wife, Lorinda Jones, who d. Jan. 2, 1850, and he md. second wife, Nov. 14, 1850, Abigail Richardson, of Dracut, Mass. He resided upon the old homestead; d. Nov. 17, 1853, and his widow md. Nathan Blanchard.

52. Eliza Ann, b. March 31, 1834; d. Dec. 19, 1849.
 53. Adaline M., b. Aug. 26, 1840; md. Joseph H. Mathews.
 54. Almira B., b. 1844; d. April 5, 1847.

55. Israel Adams, 2d, brother of Capt. Aaron, md. Elizabeth Adams, of Rowley, Mass., and came to this town shortly after his brother, and resided near where R. J. Clark now resides. He had two sons.

56. John, d. at Portsmouth, during the War of 1812.
 57. Israel, 3d, md. first wife, Charity Bailey, who d. Jan. 23, 1808; md. second wife, Sept. 15, 1808, Rhoda, dau. of Dea. Ebenezer and Rhoda Harthorn, of Henniker. He was prominent as a military man, and commanded a company during the War of 1812. He was one of the founders of the Methodist church in this town, and one of the selectmen in 1827.
 Children of first wife.
58. Charity, b. Feb. 9, 1801. 59. Israel, b. Dec. 4, 1802.
 60. Elizabeth, b. Aug. 17, 1804; md., Dec. 28, 1825, Timothy Morse, of Hopkinton.
 61. Thomas B., b. May 27, 1806. +
 62. George W., b. Dec. 4, 1807; d. same day.
 Children of second wife.
63. Ebenezer H., b. Sept. 10, 1809.
 64. Rhoda H., b. Oct. 30, 1810; d. Nov. 4, 1810.
 65. Amanda, b. Sept. 25, 1811; md., April 9, 1834, Rev. Azel P. Brigham.
 66. Augusta, b. Sept. 25, 1811; md., Sept. 13, 1841, Rev. R. W. Smith, Canton, Mass.
 67. Christopher C., b. June 21, 1813; emigrated to Ohio.
 68. John, b. Dec. 3, 1815. 69. Cassandra, b. July 25, 1817.
 70. Aaron, b. May 21, 1819. } Both d. same day.
 71. Infant, b. May 21, 1819. }
 72. Roana, b. July 27, 1820.

(61.) Thomas B. Adams, md., April 2, 1835, Mary Pressey, of Henniker; resides in Bradford. Children born in this town:

73. Israel, b. Nov. 20, 1838; d. Feb. 5, 1839.
 74. Mary E., b. Nov. 26, 1839; md. S. Bumford.
 75. Eben H., b. March 6, 1840.
 76. Thomas B., b. March 4, 1842; d. Dec. 15, 1862. [See Roll of Honor.]
 77. Richard S., b. Aug. 28, 1845; d. Aug. 14, 1847.
 78. Israel, b. May 20, 1848.
 79. Frances A., b. March 18, 1850.
 80. Ella A., b. Sept. 14, 1852.

81. Stephen Adams, son of William and Betty Noyes Adams, was born in Rowley, Mass., Feb. 27, 1729, and md., 1760, Susanna Dorman, of Topsfield, Mass.,

who was b. Sept. 15, 1740. They came to this town shortly after its incorporation, and settled in the north-east part of the town, where the Patterson brothers reside. He was a large, fleshy man, and although wilful and obstinate, was possessed of a jovial disposition. His six first children were born in Rowley,—the others in this town. He d. Jan. 5, 1811. His wife d. Oct. 15, 1804.

82. Jacob, b. Feb. 23, 1761; was a soldier in the Revolution; md. and had two children; he d. in New York March 25, 1841.
83. Amelia, b. May 26, 1762.
84. Juliana, b. Sept. 1, 1764; d. Aug. 13, 1812.
85. Henry, b. Sept. 2, 1766. The three last joined the Enfield Shakers.
86. Susanna, b. March 28, 1769; d. Nov. 10, 1776.
87. David, b. Nov. 5, 1771; d. Nov. 10, 1771.
88. David, b. Nov. 8, 1772.†
89. Elijah, b. Dec. 9, 1774; d. Jan. 9, 1775.
90. Israel, b. Jan. 25, 1776.†
91. Susanna, b. Oct. 17, 1779; md., Dec. 4, 1803, Barzilla Hayward, and d. in Grantham.
92. Enoch, b. Jan. 5, 1783.†

(88.) David Adams, md. and moved to Orange, Vt., in 1799, where he d. in February, 1858. A part of his children were born in this town.

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| 93. Stephen, d. Taunton, Mass. | 94. David, d. Barre, Vt. |
| 95. Moses, resides in Iowa. | 96. Susanna, md. — Goff. |
| 97. Maria, d. young. | 98. John, resides in Vt. |
| 99. Samuel, resides Johnston, Vt. | 100. Betsey, d. young. |
| 101. Judith, d. Worcester, Mass. | |

(90.) Israel Adams, md. Feb. 12, 1811, Betsey Sargent, of this town. Resided in Henniker many years; separated from his wife, and taking two of his children went to Baltimore, Md., thence to New Orleans, La. They had four children; no names of them.

(92.) Enoch Adams, md., Nov. 27, 1810, Eunice Whiddon, of Canterbury, who was b. Sept. 12, 1781, moved to

- Sangerville, Maine, thence to Amestown, Me., in 1813, where he d. Aug. 8, 1860. His wife d. March 5, 1855.
102. Hannah Roland, b. July 6, 1814; md. Nov. 3, 1836, Benj. Lane.
103. Susan, b. June 1, 1816; md. Nov. 17, 1839, Enos G. Flanders; resides in Sangerville, Maine.
104. John, b. July 7, 1818; d. Sept. 28, 1821.
105. Elizabeth, b. June 7, 1821; md., Nov. 14, 1850, John B. Springall, of Great Yarmouth, Cornwall county, England. She d. Sept. 17, 1852. He d. Oct. 17, 1860.
106. Julia, b. Dec. 23, 1823; d. March 29, 1846, unmarried.
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ALBIN.

1. John Albin purchased the upper grist-mill in Jan., 1869, and moved to town soon after. He d. Oct., 1869, from an injury received in the mill.
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2. John Henry Albin, son of John, was b. in Randolph, Vt.; fitted for college at Concord; graduated from Dartmouth college in 1864; commenced reading law immediately after with Hon. Ira A. Eastman, at Concord; admitted to the bar Oct., 1867. He was one of the representatives to the legislature from Ward 5, Concord, in 1872 and 1873, and also from Henniker in 1877; has filled the various offices of the Order of I. O. O. F., becoming the Most Worthy Grand Master of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of this state, Oct. 8, 1879. He m., Sept. 5, 1872, Georgie A. Modica, of this town.
3. Henry A., b. Feb. 7, 1875.
4. Mabel W., b. Aug. 17, 1876.
5. Edith G., b. Aug. 7, 1878.
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ALEXANDER.

1. Thomas Alexander, of Marlboro,' Mass.; md. Phebe —, 1747, and they had—
2. Jonas, b. Mar. 8, 1749. † 3. Jeduthan, b. Sept. 5, 1751.

4. Phebe, b. Sept. 22, 1753; came to this town with her brothers.
 5. Jabez, b. Aug. 22, 1755; came here and settled near his brother Jonas; no record of his family.
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- (2.) Jonas Alexander, md., July 28, 1770, Sarah Pool, of Stowe, Mass.; came to this town immediately after, and settled where Ezra Chase resides. The family moved to Brownfield, Me., about the beginning of the present century.
6. Betsey, b. 1774; md., April 4, 1792, John Brown.
 7. Phebe, b. 1776; md., June 19, 1793, Thomas Pingree.
 8. Jonas, b. 1778.
 9. Sally, b. 1780; md. Daniel Tyler, May 31, 1796.
 10. Olive, b. 1784; md., March 6, 1806, George Adams.
 11. Jeduthan, b. 1786. 12. Lydia, b. 1789.
 13. Abi, b. 1791; md. Stephen Adams.
 14. Lewis, b. 1793; md. — Trumbull.
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ALLEN.

1. Harvey Allen, son of Solomon, was b. in Greenfield, Mass., Jan., 1805; md. Lucretia, dau. of William and Lucinda Abbott, of this town; resided here and also in Chelsea, Vt.; d. here August 14, 1869. His wife d. Feb. 7, 1874.
 2. William H., b. July 9, 1849; md., Mar. 23, 1874, Emma V. White, of Hillsborough.
 3. I. Gertrude F., b. Dec. 7, 1874.
 4. II. Grace Mary, b. Dec. 25, 1876.
 5. Herbert P., b. Nov. 20, 1850; d. Sept. 24, 1879.
 6. Lillian H., b. March 24, 1854.
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ALLEY.

1. Daniel B. Alley came to this town about the beginning of the present century, and settled where John F. Perry now resides. He was a prominent member of the society of Friends, who were then settling in the southerly portion of the town. He was a strong ad-

vocate of the principles of his belief, but quite eccentric. In his later years he was insane, and was an inmate of the asylum at Concord. He d. Feb. 27, 1848; his wife, Abigail, d. Feb. 17, 1836.

2. Elizabeth, b. Jan. 19, 1796; md., April 17, 1822, James Peaslee.
 3. Abigail, b. Sept. 12, 1797.
 4. Daniel, b. April 9, 1799. †
 5. Hugh J., b. June 28, 1800; d. Nov. 14, 1816.
 6. Samuel, b. Jan. 28, 1802; d. May 16, 1817.
 7. Joshua F., b. Dec. 26, 1804.
 8. John, b. Nov. 25, 1806; d. June 26, 1810.
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- (4) Daniel Alley, md. Rachel Folsom, Nov. 20, 1826; was a prominent citizen of the town, and at one time sheriff. He d. Jan. 28, 1847; his widow is still living.
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ANDREWS.

1. Benjamin C. Andrews, son of Benjamin and Mary H. C. Andrews, and grandson of Joseph and Margaret Foster Andrews, who came from England and settled in New Boston, was born in that town Dec. 6, 1814. He was a painter by trade, and came to this town in 1835, and md., May 16, 1839, Abigail Ann, dau. of David and Hannah Cogswell. He resided here until 1845, when he removed to Nashua, thence to North Chelmsford, Mass., then to Nashua, where he d. July 15, 1865. His wife died May 15, 1860.
2. Cleora Cogswell, b. Feb. 21, 1841; md., Jan. 13, 1869, Geo. H. Hill, Haverhill, Mass.
3. Celia Cochran, b. April 12, 1842; unmarried.
4. Ira Perley, b. Feb. 3, 1844; d. Dec. 5, 1868.
5. Frank Selwyn, b. Nov. 20, 1847; killed at Port Hudson, La., June 14, 1863; member of Co. B, Sth N. H. Vols.
6. Charles Haskell, b. Nov. 23, 1848; member of Co. A. 18th N. H. Vols.; d. of disease, Nov. 18, 1864. [See Roll of Honor.]
7. Infant son, b. Feb. 4, 1850; d. Feb. 28, 1850.
8. Ben Waldo, b. March 9, 1852; d. Aug. 17, 1854.
9. John Cleaveland, b. June 14, 1854.

10. David Edgar, b. Feb. 5, 1857.
 11. Kate Russell, b. Dec. 22, 1859.
 12. Infant son, b. April 9, 1860; d. Aug. 9, 1860.
 The first three born in this town, the rest in Nashua,
 save the fifth and sixth children.
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13. Joseph F. Andrews, brother of Benjamin, was born in New Boston, Nov. 18, 1816, and came to this town with his brother, and was a mason by trade. Md., Dec. 24, 1844, Sarah Almeda, dau. of Capt. Harry and Polly Barnes, of this town. He removed to Nashua about 1845-'46, where he has since resided. Was three years in the War of the Rebellion as a member of First R. I. Cavalry, of which he became major.
14. Ella J., born Jan. 2, 1846; md., Dec. 22, 1869, Rev. James Powell, who came from England at nine years of age, and graduated at Dartmouth.
15. Lucius C., b. Sept. 14, 1848; killed in Jersey City, N. J., July 21, 1869, by the falling of a church wall.
16. Grace W., b. July 6, 1850.
 17. Joseph E., b. Sept. 27, 1852; d. Oct. 7, 1853.
 18. Mary E., b. May 12, 1855. All born in Nashua.
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19. Gilbert S. Andrews, son of Israel and Alice Andrews; b. Bradford, May 22, 1844; md. Lizzie H. Piper, Sept. 9, 1868.
20. Gracie E., b. Jan. 2, 1873.
 21. Susie A., b. March 16, 1879.
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BACON.

1. Michael Bacon, with his wife and four children, came to this country from England, and were in Dedham, Mass., as early as 1640. His brother William settled in Salem, Mass., about the same time. Michael's will is on file in the probate office for Suffolk county, Mass., in which he mentions four children,—Michael, Daniel, John, and Sarah,—and a son-in-law, Thomas Bancroft.

2. Jonas⁶ Bacon, son of Thomas,⁵ of Nathaniel,⁴ of Michael,³ of Michael,² of Michael,¹ was born in Woburn, Mass., May 8, 1764; md. Betsey Smith, and resided in Malden, Mass., where his wife d. July 11, 1833. Among their children was Jonas, who settled in this town at the beginning of the present century; and hither came Jonas⁶ and his wife. Jonas d. in this town, Aug. 12, 1826.

3. Jonas Bacon was b. in Woburn, Mass., May 10, 1789; md. Louisa Richardson, of Woburn, and settled in this town where Mrs. C. R. Bacon now resides. Mrs. Bacon was a descendant of Samuel and Joanna Richardson, who were in this country in 1637, whose dau. Mary md. Michael² Bacon, and a grand-daughter md. Michael³ Bacon. The relationship was kept up at shorter or longer intervals until Jonas⁷ md. Louisa.⁷ He d. Jan. 7, 1852; his wife d. April 1, 1862.
4. William, b. March 22, 1820; md., Dec. 31, 1842, Clara W. Leathe, of Woburn, Mass.
5. John, b. March 7, 1822; md. Oct. 15, 1846, Mary Johnson, of Winchester, Mass.; resides in Woburn, Mass.
6. Josiah H., b. June 30, 1824; d. March 4, 1825.
7. Oliver, b. March 3, 1826; d. Feb. 14, 1827.
8. Otis, b. Nov. 14, 1827; md., Oct. 17, 1854, Elisabeth Johnson, of Winchester; resides in Woburn, Mass.
 - I. Otis Walter, b. Aug. 24, 1857.
 - II. Oliver, b. Aug. 1, 1860.
9. Cyrus R., b. Nov. 1, 1829. †
10. Jacob R., b. Oct. 4, 1831; md., Oct. 25, 1859, Carrie E. Sherman; d. at Springfield, Ill., Aug. 22, 1868.
11. Louisa, b. Sept. 18, 1833; md., Oct. 25, 1855, A. D. L. F. Connor; d. June 27, 1859.
12. Mary, b. June 24, 1836; md., Jan. 25, 1857, Walter C. Whitney; d. Aug. 6, 1857.
13. Emily, b. March 20, 1838; md. Walter C. Whitney.
14. Susan, b. April 6, 1840; m., Oct. 9, 1866, Reuben W. Cook; d. Oct. 30, 1869, at Springfield, Ill.
15. Jonas, b. Feb. 7, 1843. [See Roll of Honor.]

- (9.) Cyrus R. Bacon, a carpenter; worked some time at his trade in New York city; md., Dec. 24, 1857, Mercie

B. Savage, of Orford, and settled upon the homestead, where he resided, tilling his farm and working at his trade, until his death, Jan. 23, 1880.

16. Flora B., b. Oct. 29, 1858; md., May 29, 1879, Josiah W. Emery.
17. Minnie I., b. Sept. 9, 1861; d. Aug. 19, 1865.
18. Ellon R., b. Jan. 10, 1872.
19. Elgin S., b. Jan. 10, 1872.
20. Elwin T., b. Jan. 10, 1872.

This family has the honor of having the only triplets ever recorded in the town, or ever born within its limits, so far as is known.

BAKER.

GOV. NATHANIEL B. BAKER.

Abel Baker and his wife Nancy Baker came to Henniker from Concord in 1818, and resided in the house now occupied by Lewis P. Hanson, at West Henniker, where he was engaged in the carding of wool and the dressing of cloth, in company with the Woods brothers. In this house was born, Sept. 29, 1818, Nathaniel Bradley Baker. He graduated at Harvard college in the class of 1839; read law with Messrs. Pierce, Fowler, and Gen. Peaslee, in Concord, from 1841 to 1845; was one of the proprietors of the *New Hampshire Patriot*; was quartermaster of the Eleventh Regiment in 1841, and adjutant of the same regiment in 1842; was aid to Governor Steele in 1844 and 1845, with the rank of colonel; was appointed clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for the county of Merrimack in 1845, and of the Supreme Court of Judicature for the same county in 1846; was representative from Concord, and speaker of the House of Representatives, in 1850 and '51; was one of the electors for president in 1852. In 1854 he was chosen governor of New Hampshire, holding the position for one year, the Know Nothing movement and the combination of all the opposition having defeated him in 1855. He shortly after

took up his residence in Clinton, Iowa, having an appointment as an attorney for a railroad in that place. In 1859 he was elected representative from Clinton county, and served in the regular session of 1860, and the extra session of 1861. On the 25th of July, 1861, he received the appointment of adjutant-general for the state of Iowa, which position he held until his death. Before removing to Iowa he held several positions in the Merrimack County and State Agricultural Societies, and was one of the first commissioners of the State Reform School, his associates being Messrs. Tyler and Smith. As adjutant-general of Iowa his services were almost invaluable in the raising of troops during the war, and for the energy with which he threw himself into the contest. His records were most admirably kept, and he had the reputation of being a model office. Warm-hearted and generous to a fault, he made hosts of friends wherever he went. He died at Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 12, 1876.

1. James P. Baker, son of Samuel and Sarah Pike Baker, was b. in Salisbury, Mass., Jan. 11, 1796. He md., Dec. 27, 1825, Azubah, dau. of Ebenezer and Rebecca (Smith) Gay, of Deering. They settled in this town in March, 1831, upon the farm now owned by Squire Dow, where they remained a few years, then came to the village and lived where his widow now resides. He d. March 27, 1872.
2. Olive Gay, b. Nov. 4, 1826; md., Sept. 30, 1852, Chas. Bowman, of Clinton, Mass., where she has since resided.
3. Samuel A., b. Nov. 11, 1829; md. Martha R. Lancey, of Shirley, Mass., October, 1852. He d. Sept. 4, 1877.
4. Tompkins, b. Dec. 13, 1834. [See Roll of Honor.]
5. Mary C., b. Nov. 14, 1838; md. Edwin N. Rice, of Clinton, Mass., Oct. 30, 1862. She d. Feb. 4, 1872.
6. Ellen M., b. Dec. 4, 1845; d. July 26, 1860.

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1. John Baker, son of James and Mary C. Baker, and grandson of John and Mary Baker, was b. in Galway,

Ireland, June 27, 1814, came to this country in April, 1847, and to this town in 1848. He resided in Deering a few years, then purchased the "Harriman farm," so called, in the south-west part of the town, where he still resides. March 15, 1854, he md. Margaret Roche.

2. James Edward, b. March 2, 1855.
 3. John S., b. May 28, 1856.
 4. Mary Ellen, b. June 21, 1858.
 5. Henry M., b. Nov. 23, 1863.
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BALL.

1. George Ball was born in Antrim, March 17, 1788. He went to Hillsborough at the age of two years, and came to this town at the age of 14. Oct. 17, 1816, he md. Marcy Duston, of Henniker, and settled where Gilman Scribner now resides. She d. Oct. 10, 1840. He resides with one of his sons in Bridgewater, N. H.
 2. Jesse P., b. Feb. 23, 1817; md., June 19, 1847, Mary E. Chase, of this town, and d. in Salem, in 1874.
 3. Nathan G., b. 1847; d. Sept. 20, 1848.
 4. Levi K., b. Oct. 30, 1818; was a soldier in the Mexican war; md., April, 1849, Caroline Rollins, of this town, resides in Groton; three children.
 5. 1. Alice C., b. in Danbury, Oct. 10, 1850.
 6. 2. Mary E., b. June 14, 1852.
 7. 3. Sarah P., b. Nov. 18, 1855, in Dorchester.
 8. Columbus, b. May 7, 1820; d. Sept. 26, 1822.
 9. Belinda, b. June 10, 1822; md. Joseph Law, Hopkinton.
 10. Emri W., b. Nov. 25, 1826; md., June 25, 1862, Abbie C., dau. of Edward G. and Mehitable P. Clark, of this town, and resides in Hebron.
 11. 1. George E., b. Aug. 23, 1868; d. Sept. 20, 1869.
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BALLARD.

1. William Ballard, son of Capt. James H. and Maria C. (Darling) Ballard, resided in this town many years

in the family of Judge Darling; taught school here and in New York, and settled in Peoria, Ill., where he is a successful merchant and esteemed citizen.

BARKER.

1. Charles Barker, son of Abijah and Susanna Barker, was b. in Antrim, Sept. 17, 1787, being the eldest of six children; his father was a Revolutionary soldier. Mr. Barker md., Dec. 17, 1811, Mary Chapman, who was b. in Derry, May 30, 1791; came to this town in April, 1829; was a blacksmith by trade, and worked where the machine-shop is at West Henniker; was often chosen to positions of honor by his townsmen; resides at West Henniker.
 2. John, b. in Windsor, April 4, 1813; md. Mary J. McClure; was at one time Major-General of the 40th Regt. state militia; d. in Boston, Feb. 15, 1873.
Children born in Antrim.
 3. Mary C., b. Jan. 13, 1816; md. James M. French.
 4. Almira A., b. March 19, 1820; md. Joseph Nichols, of Manchester; d. Aug. 11, 1879.
 5. Caroline M., b. June 5, 1823; d. Sept. 27, 1829.
 6. Charles W., b. June 19, 1828; md. Caroline E. Eaton; d. in Warren, Oct. 29, 1875; his wife d. Jan. 14, 1876.
 7. I. Carrie L., b. in Hillsborough, Dec. 16, 1859.
 8. Horace B., b. in Henniker, Feb. 2, 1831; md. Sarah M. Nichols; resides in Boston.
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BARNES.

This family has been quite numerous in this town, and are descendants of Thomas Barnes, who came to this country from England, in the ship *Speedwell*, in May, 1656, when he was twenty years of age. On shipboard he made the acquaintance of Abigail, daughter of Thomas Goodnow, whom he married, and settled in Marlborough, Mass., before 1663. One of his sons, John, was born in Marlborough, Dec. 25, 1666, and md. Hannah —, one of whose sons was Jonathan, b. Nov. 26, 1703; he md. Rachel —, and d. Oct. 10, 1783; his wife d.

Jan. 20, 1784. They had nine children, the oldest of whom was

1. Silas, who was b. in Marlborough, Mass., Jan. 21, 1735, and md., May 26, 1755, Betty, daughter of Cornelius and Mary Graves Bigelow, of Marlborough, Mass. He came to this town very early in its settlement, as early as 1766, and resided where Ezra and George A. Eastman lives. He was the first clerk of the town after its incorporation, and was one of the original members of the Congregational church in this town, in 1769; he resided here but a few years. During the Revolution he sold his farm to Ezra Tucker, went to Rowley, Mass., and from thence to Marlborough, where he d. Jan. 6, 1813; his wife d. Sept. 3, 1801.
 2. Thomas, b. July 30, 1756. 3. Elisha, b. Dec. 29, 1757. †
 4. Betsey, b. Jan. 16, 1759; md. Jonathan Ray, April 3, 1777.
 5. Paul, b. Oct. 10, 1761. †
 6. Silas, b. Sept. 28, 1763; d. Jan. 6, 1783.
 7. Molly, b. Aug. 27, 1765; md. Joseph Arnold, Feb. 1, 1786.
 8. Lucy, b. April 12, 1767. 9. Jacob, b. June 4, 1769. †
- These children were all born in Marlborough, Mass., but the two last.

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- (3). Elisha Barnes, md., Aug. 9, 1782, Molly, dau. of Col. John and Mary (Bigelow) Weeks, of Marlborough, Mass., and settled in this town upon the south side of Craney hill. He d. Dec. 11, 1834.
 10. Polly, b. 1782; d. Dec. 28, 1807, unmd.
 11. Lucy, b. 1784; d. 1838.
 12. Patty, b. Jan. 1, 1790; md. Robert Marsh.
 13. Infant, b. 1792; d. July 18, 1792.
 14. William, b. Aug. 21, 1803; d. March 29, 1849.
 15. John, b. Sept. 15, 1805.
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- (5). Paul Barnes, md., Jan. 3, 1787, Abigail, dau. of William and Rebecca (Ball) Bigelow, of Marlborough, Mass.

His wife d. 1793, and he married for his second wife Abigail French, of South Hampton, who d. Feb. 20, 1839.

Children of first wife.

16. Levi, b. 1787.† 17. Harry, b. Feb. 27, 1790.†
18. Catharine, b. Feb. 9, 1793; md. Amos Ray.

Children of second wife.

19. Ebenezer, b. 1794; md. Rebecca Whitcomb, Dec. 26, 1819; removed to Hyde Park, Vt.
20. Abigail, b. 1796; d. April 18, 1871.
21. Lucinda, b. March 29, 1798; md. Benjamin Ring.
22. Silas, b. May 3, 1800.† 23. Thomas, b. 1802.†
24. Edward W., b. 1805.†
25. Sophia, b. March 30, 1808; md., 1869, Almon Stiles, Bradford.
26. Ursula, b. 1810; md. —, Boston, Mass.
27. John Cleveland, b. 1813. 28. Mary, b. 1815.
29. Zilpha, b. Feb. 28, 1816; unmd.

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- (9). Jacob Barnes, md. Hepzibeth, dau. of Joseph and Grace (Rice) Howe, of Marlborough, Mass., Jan. 15, 1793. He settled in Marlborough, Mass., where he died. His wife died May 14, 1826.
30. William, b. Aug. 6, 1793; md. Anna Potter, Jan. 20, 1816.
31. Maria, b. Nov. 19, 1794; md. Thomas H. Davis, Dec. 23, 1818; d. Dec. 10, 1831.
32. Tileston B., b. Aug. 15, 1805; md. Mary Ann Proctor; was killed in 1838, by a load of wood running over him.

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- (16). Levi Barnes, md., Feb. 20, 1823, Nancy Patterson, of Hopkinton, formerly of Peterborough, where she was born in 1790; resided in this town until February, 1833; moved to Lynn, Mass.; he was at one time mail-carrier between Concord and Keene. He d. in Lynn, April 17, 1850; his wife d. Oct. 13, 1876.

Children born in Henniker, except the youngest.

33. Lucretia, b. Jan. 24, 1824; d. Oct. 22, 1849.
34. Silas B., b. Oct. 18, 1826; d. May 8, 1828.
35. Paul B., b. Aug. 3, 1829; d. Nov. 6, 1860.

36. Levi N., b. Sept. 17, 1832; resides here; unmd.
 37. Silas, b. April 19, 1835; d. Sept. 13, 1868.
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- (17.) Harry Barnes, md. Polly, dau. of David and Sarah Campbell, of this town, Dec. 1, 1814. He resided where Lewis Colby now lives for quite a number of years, and was a very efficient military officer, and was highly respected by his fellow townsmen. He suffered with the asthma for nearly half a century. He d. Sept. 18, 1876; his wife d. Oct. 11, 1875.
38. Walter B., b. Nov. 1, 1816; d. Oct. 3, 1831.
 39. Sarah A., b. April 4, 1821; md. Joseph F. Andrews.
 40. Livonia S., b. Dec. 16, 1822; md. Hiram A. Campbell.
 41. Mary Elizabeth, b. March 22, 1827; md. Chas. C. Gove.
 42. Walter B., b. Feb. 19, 1832.†
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- (22.) Silas Barnes, md. Milly Whitney, of Goffstown. He was a clothier by trade; lived at West Henniker and Goffstown, and finally settled upon the farm now owned by his son Albert; an excellent citizen. He d. May 16, 1874; his wife d. July 12, 1874.
43. Alice W., b. June 4, 1831.
 44. Albert W., b. Jan. 9, 1833; md. Emily (Gibson) Buckley, Nov. 26, 1873.
 45. Caroline, b. 1837; d. March 11, 1853.
 46. George A., b. Sept. 29, 1836.†
 47. Lizzie R., b. Sept. 23, 1834; md. Joseph C. Kilburn.
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- (23.) Thomas Barnes, md., Nov. 26, 1829, Lucy Jones, of Hopkinton. He was a miller by trade, and worked in the Wallace mill for a large number of years. He committed suicide, Aug. 27, 1851.
48. Helen Jennette, b. Sept. 26, 1831; md. ——— Whitney, of Goffstown.
 49. Mary Frances, b. Oct. 1, 1834; md. James Ogle.
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- (24.) Edward Barnes, md. Cynthia, dau. of William and Polly (Mirick) Bowman, Sept. 25, 1828. He d. April 6, 1869.

50. William H., b. March 29, 1831; d. March 19, 1832.
 51. George E., b. in Warner, Dec. 3, 1833. +
 52. Alfred A., b. 1842. +
 53. Frederic H., b. 1845; basket-maker; unmd.
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- (42.) Walter B. Barnes, md., Oct. 13, 1857, Eliza, dau. of Horace and Mary C. Tucker, of this town; has always resided near the old homestead as a farmer and a butcher; was one of the representatives in the legislature in 1876.
54. Ida, b. April 17, 1859.
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- (46.) George A. Barnes, md., July 19, 1860, Jane B., dau. of Hiram G. and Joanna Clark, of this town, who d. July 1, 1868; md., second wife, Jennie H., dau. of George W. and Lucy Kimball, Nov. 19, 1869; mechanic.
55. Henry, b. April 13, 1863.
 56. Grace E., b. Aug. 28, 1871; d. —.
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- (51.) George E. Barnes, md., Jan. 23, 1858, Sarah E. Chase, of Leominster, Mass.; mechanic and farmer.
57. George Dana, b. April 3, 1860.
 58. Ida M., b. Dec. 11, 1861. 59. Nellie N., b. June 27, 1866.
 60. Eva C., b. Aug. 28, 1871.
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- (52.) Alfred A. Barnes, md. Etta B. Amber, of Maine, 1870, who d. Oct., 1876.
61. Son, b. Sept. 20, 1870; d. —.
 62. Etta May, b. April 26, 1874.
 63. Child, b. Oct. —, 1876.
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BARTLETT.

- i. Samuel Bartlett, and his wife, Sarah (Shepard) Bartlett, came to this town from Canterbury at the close of the last century, and settled where John Jameson resides. He was a farmer and a blacksmith; his wife d. Oct. 17, 1824.

2. John S., b. in Canterbury, March 6, 1791; md., April 18, 1818, Caroline L. Shepard, of Holderness. He resided many years where George W. Rice lives; the family removed to Manchester, where he d. Aug. 25, 1845. His wife d. Oct. 6, 1873, in Faribault, Minn.
3. 1. Caroline S., b. Sept. 20, 1819; md., in 1850, Lorenzo Jackson, of Manchester; resides in Faribault, Minn. She is the only surviving member of the family.
4. 2. John K., b. April 21, 1822; md. Mary Ann Wyatt, of Amherst; d. Nov. 1, 1867, in Forrest, Minn.
5. 3. Jacob S., b. Aug. 4, 1824; d. March 15, 1825.
6. 4. William P., b. March 24, 1828, md. Ann A. Hunt, of Manchester; d. May 23, 1875, in Warsaw, Minn.
7. 5. Jacob S., b. Aug. 12, 1830; d. Nov. 12, 1841.
8. 6. Samuel B., b. Oct. 23, 1833; d. Oct. 27, 1833.

Children all born here.

BEAN.

1. Albert Bean was a blacksmith by trade; came to this town from Salisbury about 1838, and worked for several years in a shop that stood just below the present residence of Dr. L. W. Peabody. He md., April 23, 1839, Arvilla, dau. of James and Dorcas Connor; he was a captain in the militia of this town. He removed to Wisconsin about 1850, where he d. a few years since. His widow is still living.
 2. Charles U., b. April 11, 1840.
 3. John J., b. April 2, 1842.
 4. Francena, b. Sept. 16, 1844, in this town. Two more were born in Salisbury, and three in Wisconsin.
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5. Charles A. Bean, son of Ephraim and Ismania Bean, was b. in Sutton, March 8, 1824, and came to this town with his mother, who md. for her second husband William K. Howe. He md. Mary F., dau. of Josiah and Mary Oakes Johnson, Dec. 31, 1846.
 6. Ellen M., b. March 21, 1848; md., first husband, William Holton; second husband, Alonzo Phelps.

7. Mary E., b. Nov. 20, 1849; md. John Lovering; two children.—George and Charles.
 8. Charles E., b. Nov. 11, 1851.
 9. Hattie A., b. March 19, 1854; d. Oct. 1, 1863.
 10. George A., b. April 20, 1856.
 11. Sarah C., b. May 4, 1858; d. Nov. 11, 1863.
 12. Charlotte A., b. Sept. 30, 1860.
 13. Willie H., b. April 28, 1868.
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BELL.

1. Hiram Bell, son of Thomas and Mary Bell, was b. in Antrim, March 16, 1803; md. Mary, dau. of James and Mary French, of Antrim, Dec. 9, 1832, and came to this town in 1837, having purchased the National hotel of James Rice. He remained landlord of this house until 1856. He was one of the most energetic and efficient auctioneers of his day, and as a landlord he had no superiors. Upon the establishment of a post-route from Hillsborough Bridge to Manchester, he was appointed by President Pierce the first route-agent, which position he held five years. He was landlord of the Profile House, at the White Mountains, for six years. He d. in Boston, while upon a visit, Feb. 26, 1871, leaving a large circle of friends.
2. George E., b. in Antrim, May 15, 1834. He was educated in this town; received an appointment in the custom-house at Boston, April 24, 1854, where he remained until the spring of 1861, when, for two years, he was engaged in the private weighing business. He entered the City hotel, Boston, as a clerk in 1863; was a clerk at the Pemigewasset house, at Plymouth, in 1865 and 1866; purchased an interest in the City hotel, Boston; was also interested in Wildes's hotel until March, 1874; May 1, 1874, he became landlord and owner of the Quincy House, Boston. He has also been interested in the New England and Central houses, Boston. One of the aldermen of Boston in 1879-'80. He md., Dec. 4, 1862. Susan J. Thompson, of Embden, Me. He is at present in Bell's hotel, Boston.

3. Mary E., b. in Henniker, Aug. 21, 1837; md., Feb. 20, 1860, E. R. Abbott; three children,—Mary Bell, Arthur T., and Hiram Bell.
 4. Ellen A., b. May 4, 1845; md., July 1, 1873, Solon Newman, of Hillsborough.
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5. Cyrus Bell, son of Hugh and Nancy Bell, was b. June 10, 1801, in Francestown; md. July 26, 1827. He d. Feb. 9, 1879; his wife d. Nov. 10, 1879.
 6. Sarah D., b. Nov. 30, 1828; md. Harrison Morrill.
 7. Charles H., b. July 3, 1833.
 8. Edward R., b. Oct. 13, 1835; resides in Fowlerville, Mich.
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BERRY.

1. Washington Berry, son of Jonathan and Rebecca Berry, and grandson of Nathaniel and Susannah (Esty) Berry, was b. in Middleton, Mass., Feb. 22, 1800; md., April 30, 1822, Maria Dale, who was b. in Salem, Mass., May 20, 1800. He settled on Diamond hill, in Concord, where he resided for six years, then returned to Middleton, where he remained until 1834, when he came to this town and purchased the Judge Wallace farm. He resided there until 1864, when he moved to Hopkinton; remaining there until 1865, he removed to Windham, where he d., Oct. 7, 1873. He was a prominent member of the Congregational church, in this and in other towns where he resided, from his early manhood.
2. Augustus, b. in Concord, Oct. 7, 1824; was a lad of nine years when his father came to this town. Resolving early to obtain a thorough education, he fitted for college, mostly at the academy in this town, boarding the larger part of the time at home. He entered Amherst college in 1847, and graduated, with high honors, in 1851. Previous to his entering college, and while pursuing his studies there, he taught the fall term of the academy here for five successive years.

After his graduation, he followed teaching nine years, during five of which he had charge of Appleton academy at Mont Vernon. He was a faithful and successful teacher, believing that "what was worth doing at all was worth doing well." He impressed upon his pupils the importance of a right improvement of their time, and of faithfully performing the tasks set before them. Mr. Berry pursued his theological studies at Andover, Mass., in 1860-'61, and was settled as pastor of the Congregational church in Pelham, Oct. 30, 1861, where he still resides. He is a sound thinker and a fluent speaker. His success in life is a notable example of what industry and perseverance will accomplish. He md., Nov. 24, 1853, Dora R. Snow, of Peterborough, who d. March 15, 1873; he md. for his second wife, Jan. 30, 1877, Mary Richardson, of Pelham.

3. Caroline E., b. in Concord, Feb. 10, 1827; unmd.
4. Milton, b. in Middleton, Mass., June 10, 1829; graduated from the medical department of Dartmouth college, and settled in the practice of medicine at Reading, Mass.; afterwards removed to Andover, Mass., where he was very successful, and secured a high reputation as a skilful physician. He d., after a very short illness, Dec. 15, 1866. A kindly notice, at the time of his death, said of him,—“He has been taken away in the midst of great usefulness; but his memory will be cherished with the tenderest recollections.” He m., Sept. 6, 1854, N. Maria Clark, of Perry, Me., by whom he had four children,—Forrest G., Carrie E., Millie E., and Dora Snow.
5. George W., b. in Middleton, Mass., Dec. 8, 1831; md. Abby Davis, of Concord; has been a freight conductor on the Manchester & Lawrence Railroad since 1860.
6. I. George A., b. in Concord, Aug. 8, 1859.
7. II. Addie M., b. in Concord, April 1, 1861.
8. Horace, b. in Middleton, Mass., Sept. 7, 1833; resides in Windham; was a member of the constitutional convention in 1876; md., Jan. 29, 1867, Hattie G. Hughes, of Windham.
9. Hannah Maria, b. in Henniker, Jan. 5, 1836; d. Nov. 4, 1858.

BICKFORD.

1. Abram Bickford, son of Daniel and Martha Bickford, was b. in Antrim, April, 1790. He md. Jane Stuart, of this town, and settled where his dau., Mrs. Copp, now resides. He d. April 22, 1872; his wife d. Oct. 20, 1867. Resided a while in Hillsborough before settling here.
 2. Jerome, b. May, 1820; resides at Concord; engineer.
 3. Mary J., b. —; md. John B. Copp.
 4. Willard S., b. —; d. in Dedham, Mass., in 1843.
 5. Nancy, b. —; d. in this town.
 6. William S., b. Aug. 18, 1832; md., Feb. 13, 1867, Almira C. Rand; resides in Warner.
Children born in Hillsborough, except the last.
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BLAISDELL.

1. Henry W. Blaisdell,—great grandson of Isaac Blaisdell, who settled in Chester, 1762, and who, like his brother David, was one of the earliest clock-makers in this country, whose son Isaac afterwards settled in Salisbury, and md. Mrs. — Emerson, and was a blacksmith by trade, whose son Isaac K. md. Aurilla Sweatt, of Boscawen, Dec. 30, 1834,—came to this town in 1870, and purchased the farm known as the "Duston farm," in the east part of the town. He was b. in Salisbury, Oct. 28, 1838; was one of the selectmen of this town in 1875. He md., Nov. 28, 1869, Alice G. Robie, of Campton. Children born in this town:
 2. Bertha B., b. Nov. 9, 1872.
 3. G. H. Wilber, b. May 27, 1876.
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BLANCHARD.

1. Nathan Blanchard, b. in Hopkinton, June 3, 1772; md. Anna Sawyer, of Hopkinton, July 2, 1795, who was born in Hopkinton, March 18, 1773. He was

drowned (see Coroner's Inquest) Sept. 24, 1806. He came to this town shortly after his marriage, and resided on the plain east of the village, on the land now owned by D. W. Cogswell.

2. Anna, b. March 21, 1796.
 3. Sally S., b. Aug. 5, 1797.
 4. Miriam, b. Nov. 16, 1798.
 5. Eliza, b. Dec. 3, 1800; md., June 1, 1828, Samuel Blanchard.
 6. Nathan, b. Oct. 1, 1802. +
 7. Sawyer, b. Aug. 14, 1804.
 8. Livonia, b. July 9, 1806.
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- (6.) Nathan Blanchard, md., first, Mehitable Hoit, of Hopkinton, who d. July 27, 1854; md., second wife, Abigail Adams, of this town. He resided most of his life in this town, and for a large number of years on the farm now owned by John Jameson. He d. Mar. 24, 1862; his widow is still living.
9. Harriet Pierce, b. Sept. 19, 1829; md. John K. Plummer.
 10. Samuel G., b. Sept. 20, 1835; md. Julia L. Colby, who d. June 20, 1866. He md., second wife, Philena Scott, of Peterborough, and removed to Iowa, where he d. Feb. 15, 1877.
 11. 1. Belle C., b. —; md. —.
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BOWEN, BASFORD, MCKILLIP, AND PRATT.

1. Isaac Bowen resided in a house that stood on the east side of the road from J. H. Matthews's old orchard; had a large family of children. South of him David McKillip owned and lived on a farm including where what is known as the "Old Ireland" orchard stood. He had a large family: two lie buried there. South from him, and near the Weare line, Jonathan Basford and Joseph Pratt lived. These families, and some others whose names cannot be ascertained, were Scotch-Irish, and that immediate neighborhood was known as "Ireland" for many years.

BOWMAN.

Nathaniel Bowman¹ was one of the early settlers and proprietors of Watertown, Mass., being there as early as 1636. He died there Jan. 21, 1682; his wife died previously. One of his sons was Francis², one of whose sons was Francis³, one of whose sons was Jonas⁴, one of whose sons was Jonas⁵, father of Jonas, the settler in this town.

6. Jonas Bowman, son of Jonas, and sixth in line of descent from Nathaniel Bowman, who was at Watertown, Mass., in 1636, was born in Lexington, Mass., July 19, 1739, and came to Henniker in September, 1763, being the fifth settler of the town, and resided near Capt. Howe, in the south-east part of the town, being then twenty-four years of age. Although young in years he soon became a leading citizen of the town, and for forty years was one of its most prosperous and honored men. In 1758 he married Susanna Gregory, of Lexington, Mass., by whom he had twelve children, not one of whom died during his lifetime. He was chosen one of the selectmen first elected after the incorporation of the town, in 1768, and served as moderator, or presiding officer, at more meetings of the town than was ever done by any other person in the town. He was one of the first men to enlist at the breaking out of the war of the Revolution, and was one of those who left his plough in the furrow when the alarm at Lexington was given, April 19, 1775. Shortly after the commencement of the Revolution he was commissioned a lieutenant, and afterwards a captain, and as such did most excellent service during the war; at one time he was commander of the troops employed in guarding the premises of Benedict Arnold after his perfidious treachery. His young son Zadoc was with him at that time, and, against the most strict orders, managed to secure some of the peaches in

the garden of Arnold, the stones of which he brought home, planted them upon his father's farm, then occupied by him, which was on the north side of Craney hill, afterwards known as the "Hardy place," from which came large trees, some of which were transplanted to his last residence, where Thomas Brown now resides. Mr. Bowman was one of the Committee of Safety for the town during the Revolution, and was very active by voice and by deed in furnishing the troops and supplies called for during the war. He had a state-wide reputation for his energy and efficiency, and for the wisdom of his counsel. Capt. Bowman represented the town in the legislature in 1800, 1801, 1802, and took a high rank as a legislator. He was a man of strong convictions, decided in his actions, and of an impetuous disposition. Born to command, as he thought, his spirit could brook no disputing his good intentions, as he saw them. His first wife d. Sept. 25, 1800, and md. second wife, Mrs. Prudence Rice. He d. March 29, 1807.

Three first children born in Lexington, Mass. The others here.

7. Abiathar, b. Feb. 18, 1759. †
8. Zadoc, b. Dec. 28, 1760. †
9. Jonas, b. Sept. 29, 1762. 10. David, b. Nov. 22, 1764. †
11. Jonathan, b. Nov. 22, 1764.
12. Abijah, b. July 19, 1766; d. in Goffstown; merchant.
13. Tamson, b. June 15, 1768; md., Dec. 16, 1793, Oliver Patch.
14. Deputy, b. March 24, 1770. †
15. Baxter, b. 1772; md., July 2, 1797, Nabby Kimball; moved to Claremont, thence to New York.
16. Sally, b. 1774; md. Asa Gould; resided in Littleton.
17. Susanna, b. Jan. 24, 1779; md. James Wallace.
18. Walter, b. 1780; md. Anna Rice; resided in Littleton.

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- (7). Abiathar Bowman, md. Thankful Rice, dau. of Elijah and Sarah Rice, of this town. He resided upon the north side of Craney Hill, upon the place known as

- the "Luther Harthorn farm," until April, 1796, when he moved to Newport. He d. April 2, 1834; his wife d. July 6, 1843.
19. Lovel, b. Aug. 5, 1783; md. Betsey Perry, Newport, N. H.; d. Oct. 24, 1831.
 20. Zadoc, b. Feb. 12, 1785; md. Anna Hurd, Newport, 1807; d. Nov. 1, 1838.
 21. Azubah, b. May 2, 1787; md. Samuel Church; d. 1831.
 22. Jabez, b. Oct. 18, 1789; d. Dec. 17, 1843.
 23. Asenath, b. Jan. 24, 1792; md. Thomas Wait; d. April 20, 1868.
 24. Zilpah, b. Dec. 6, 1793; md. J. D. Nettleton, Newport, d. March 12, 1829.
 25. Brooks, b. Aug. 9, 1795; md. Emma P. Ward, Vt.; d. Oct. 28, 1862.
 26. Abijah, b. Oct. 25, 1797; d. June 28, 1831.
 27. Nabby, b. April 6, 1801; d. March 2, 1828.
 28. Sally, b. April 20, 1803.
 29. Abiathar, b. March 6, 1804; d. Sept. 29, 1825.
 30. Real, b. Oct. 30, 1806; md., Nov. 16, 1837, Hannah M. Goodwin, of Claremont, where he still resides.
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- (8.) Zadoc Bowman, md. Susan Howe, of this town, in 1786; was a physician, and resided in Meredith.
31. Mary, b. May 13, 1787.
 32. Susan, b. Dec. 28, 1789; md., first husband, Thomas Wallace; second, William Moore.
 33. Jonas B., b. Sept. 7, 1791; became a lawyer.
 34. Sarah, b. Nov. 23, 1793.
 35. Baxter, b. April 17, 1795.
 36. Brooks, b. March 17, 1797.
 37. David, b. July 10, 1799.
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- (10.) David Bowman, md., Dec. 21, 179-, Lydia Peabody, of this town; resided many years upon the homestead; removed to Center Harbor, where he d. Dec. 9, 1826. Four eldest children b. here; the others Center Harbor.
38. Achsah, b. April 29, 1793; d. April 29, 1879.
 39. Dexter, b. Sept. 13, 1795; d. Sept. 5, 1850.
 40. Lydia, b. March 19, 1799; d. November, 1851.
 41. George, b. March 23, 1801; d. May 17, 1854.
 42. Susan, b. Nov. 22, 1802.
 43. Sarah, b. Feb. 12, 1805.
 44. Zadok, b. Sept. 7, 1807; d. Oct. 18, 1868; resided in Charlestown, Mass.

45. I. Selwyn Z., b. May 11, 1840; M. C. 5th Congressional district, Mass.; lawyer.
 46. II. Henry F., b. July 15, 1843; merchant.

(14.) Deputy Bowman, md., Sept. 2, 1795, Sarah Philbrick, of Claremont, who d. Dec. 18, 1800; he md., second wife, Dec. 2, 1802, Margaret McClure; resided in Springfield, where he d.

Children by first wife.

47. Sarah, b. Sept. 5, 1796. 48. Walter, b. Aug. 4, 1798.

By second wife.

49. Debey, b. June 13, 1802. 50. Willard, b. March 7, 1803.
 51. Susan, b. July 8, 1806. 52. Sylvester, b. April 5, 1808.
 53. Deputy, b. May 6, 1810. 54. Margaret, b. May 6, 1810.
 55. John, b. Aug. 10, 1812. 56. Joseph, b. Oct. 12, 1814.

57. Francis Bowman, son of James and Thankful Bowman, was b. in Westborough, Mass., June 17, 1744; was a descendant of Nathaniel; md. Jerusha —, and came to this town before the Revolution; settled where Alden Newman resides. This family was at one time quite numerous in this town. He d. Dec. 3, 1831; his wife d. April 27, 1790.

58. Susanna, b. May 7, 1768; md. William Richardson.
 59. Thankful, b. June 15, 1769; d. March 1, 1815.
 60. Francis, b. May 12, 1771. + 61. Sarah, b. July 31, 1773.
 62. Levi, b. Dec. 12, 1776. +
 63. Patty, b. Nov. 24, 1778; d. June 22, 1782.
 64. Daniel, b. March 20, 1780; d. March 11, 1783.

(60.) Francis Bowman, md. Azuba Farnsworth, and resided upon the homestead (see Post-riders). He d. July 15, 1808.

65. Levi, b. Aug. 17, 1795. +
 66. Lydia, b. April 10, 1797; md., March 5, 1822, William Cofran, Bradford.
 67. Susanna, b. March 3, 1799; md. Calvin Smith.
 68. Azubah, b. April 24, 1801; md. Asa Abbott, Bradford.
 69. Dorcas, b. June 17, 1803. 70. Lucy, b. Sept. 8, 1805.
 71. Betsey, b. Sept. 6, 1807; d. Jan. 18, 1809.

(62.) Levi Bowman, md. ———.

72. David, b. —, 1801.†

73. Fanny, b. 1803; d. March 1, 1804.

74. Calvin, b. —; md. Mrs. Samuel Clark.

(65.) Levi Bowman, md., Dec. 21, 1820, Ruth Abbott, of Bradford, and resided many years where J. S. Elliott now resides. He d. Oct. 25, 1841, and his widow md. William Cheney, and d. April 27, 1860.

75. Infant son, b. Nov. 10, 1821; d. Nov. 11, 1821.

76. Miriam, b. Dec. 10, 1822; d. Aug. 29, 1827.

77. Almira B., b. June 18, 1827; md. Horace J. Warde.

78. Walter B., b. Feb. 13, 1841; resides Mount Hope, Iowa.

(72.) David Bowman, md. Mary, dau. of William and Elizabeth Bowman, Dec. 1, 1822. He d. June 16, 1853; his wife d. March 27, 1874.

79. Edward B., b. Feb. 15, 1823; d. 1874, in Kittery, Me.

80. David W., b. Feb. 11, 1826; d. Nov. 8, 1877; md. twice.

81. I. Belle, md. Reeds Ferry.

82. Elizabeth K., b. Dec. 21, 1827; md. J. Downing, Hopkinton.

83. George W., b. Nov. 6, 1829; d. March 12, 1832.

84. Infant, b. 1831; d. Jan. 15, 1832.

85. Helen M., b. Oct. 26, 1832; md. — Smith, Cambridge, Mass.

86. Abba J., b. Jan. 10, 1835; md., Sept. 19, 1855, M. M. Colby.

87. Caroline B., b. July 18, 1837; md. — Drew.

88. Henry, b. Nov. 20, 1841.

1. William Bowman, son of James and Mary Gassett Bowman, was b. in Westboro', Mass., 1767, being one of fifteen children in the family. Having learned the trade of a tanner, he came to this town in 1788, and established the tannery now owned by Mr. Gould. Shortly after, he disposed of the same to Major Timothy Darling, and went one half mile north, and

established another near the present residence of David D. Davis. This was successfully operated for many years. He built the house now owned by Wesley Felch, and there he lived and died. He was a strong, athletic man, and a great lover of fun, being universally known in his later years as "Bill Bowman, the funny man." He married, March 27, 1794, Polly, dau. of William and Elizabeth Mirick, who then lived upon the farm now owned by Joshua Sanborn. The day for the wedding was set, and when Fast day was appointed it came upon the same day. Rev. Mr. Rice went over and married them, and some little doubt having arisen as to the propriety of having the customary dancing at such events, in consequence of its being Fast day, Mr. Rice was appealed to for a decision. Said he, "You have fasted well during the day; let the dance go on." Mr. Bowman d. March 16, 1831; his wife d. Nov. 2, 1851.

2. Betsey, b. 1795; d. Sept. 18, 1795.
3. Edward, b. 1797; d. Nov. 20, 1815.
4. Betsey, b. Oct. 22, 1799; md. Thomas Kirk.
5. Sophronia, b. July 29, 1802; md. David D. Davis.
6. Mary, b. 1804; md. David Bowman.
7. Cynthia, b. 1806; md. E. W. Barnes.
8. Lorinda, b. April 20, 1809; md. Timothy Emerson.
9. Marilla, b. 1812; md. Bradbury Brown; had three children; one, Harford B. Bradford, a prominent merchant of New York city.
10. Susan, b. April, 1816; d. June 8, 1816.
11. William, b. 1817; md. Sarah A. Green, of this town, Oct. 23, 1842; d. April 22, 1850.

BRADY.

1. John and Elizabeth Brady came to town in 1850, and have since resided in West Henniker. His wife d. April 20, 1877. Children b. here.
2. Frank, b. July 19, 1852; a paper-maker; md., July 1, 1874, Helen, dau. of Timothy and Lorinda Emerson.

3. I. George F., b. Dec. 3, 1875; d. Feb. 23, 1876.
 4. II. Perley, b. July 18, 1878.
 5. Clarissa, b. May 18, 1855.
 6. Mary Ann, b. April 6, 1857.
 7. John, b. Jan. 25, 1859. 8. Lizzie, b. Feb. 18, 1867.
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BREED.

1. Richard Breed, son of Ebenezer, b. Dec., 1790; came from Weare about 1814, and settled where E. B. Huntington now resides. He md. Bethia, dau. of Joseph and Bethiah Hussey, of this town. He and his sons became noted manufacturers of cloth, which, for durability of wear, was rarely equalled. He remained here most of the time until 1865 or 1866, when he went to Peabody, Mass. His wife d. Oct., 1875.
 2. Mary P., b. Jan. 26, 1815; md. Elijah B. Huntington.
 3. James, b. Oct. 18, 1816; d. July 13, 1817.
 4. Daniel H., b. June 8, 1819; d., Nov. 7, 1876, in Indiana; he was engaged in manufacturing.
 5. Ebenezer, b. June 9, 1821; d. March 8, 1824.
 6. Albert, b. April 4, 1823; resides in Peabody, Mass.
 7. Stephen, b. Oct. 16, 1826; resides in Indiana; engaged in manufacturing.
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BROOKS.

1. Dr. Thomas D. Brooks, and Ruth, his wife, came to this town at the close of the last century, and resided here many years. There is but little record of his family.
2. Thomas D., b. Sept. 20, 1800.
3. Paschal P., b. April 25, 1802; studied medicine, and became quite skilful. He resided where Mrs. Burton Wadsworth now lives until 1841, when he left town. He md., first wife, Almira Adams, who d. April 15, 1834; md., second wife, ———.
4. 1. Paschal, b. Sept. 1, 1828.
5. 2. Thos. F., b. Feb. 10, 1830.
6. 3. Julia, b. Aug. 21, 1831.
7. 4. Henry, b. April 6, 1833.
8. 5. Almira L., b. Feb. 1, 1836.
9. 6. Maria E., b. April 8, 1838.

BROWN.

1. Abraham Brown was admitted a freeman in Watertown, Mass., in March, 1631-2. About the same time his brother Jabez settled in Concord, Mass.; *his* son Joseph settled in Stow, Mass., where he raised a large family.
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2. Thomas Brown, son of Joseph, was b. in Stow, Mass., 1738; md. Oct. 1, 1763, Persis, dau. of Timothy and Persis Gibson of Stow, Mass.; came to this town Feb. 12, 1785, and settled upon the farm now owned by Harrison A. Rice and son, and resided in the house so long known as the "Brown House." He was represented, by those who knew him, "as a smart, energetic man,—fond of his home, attentive to his business, fond of books, and of a good memory." He was a blacksmith by trade, and worked near his home. He was very fond of his *eight* daughters, who were represented "as being generally tall, had blue eyes, were fine looking, of excellent reputation, rather brilliant, witty, and well educated for the times,—most of them became teachers." His wife d. March 13, 1790, and he md. second wife, Joanna, who d. Nov. 10, 1815, and he md. March 31, 1816, third wife, Susan Hardy of this town. He d. March 5, 1821. Among his papers was found the following:

"AUG. 25, 1819. It is my wish to have the within lines put on a stone, at my head, when I am laid in the grave. Be kind enough to comply with my wishes.

THOMAS BROWN.

Farewell, vain man, I have had enough of thee;
 And now I am content; what thou sayest of me,
 What blots thou hast seen in me, take care to shun
 Those works within thyself, which should not be done:
 Thy smile I count not, nor thy frown do I fear,
 My days are past, my head lies quiet here.

THOMAS BROWN.

N. B. As plain as can be made."

This was fully complied with. Children, all by his first wife ; all b. in Stow, Mass., save the last :

3. Betsey, b. March 13, 1766 ; md. Dec. 23, 1798, Josiah Morse.
 4. Rebecca, b. June 29, 1768 ; md. Daniel Dow, Enfield.
 5. Persis, b. July 1, 1770 : md. March 24, 1793, Joshua Goodrich, of Sharon, Ct. ; second, March 24, 1793, Lewis Love, of Arkansas.
 6. Nahum, b. April 26, 1772 ; md. Abiah Eastman, of this town, March 7, 1799 ; d. Aug. 14, 1859. [See Deaf Mutes.]
 1. Thomas, b. Feb. 25, 1804 ; md. Mary Smith, Chilmark, Martha's Vineyard, Mass., April 1, 1832, who d. Oct. 16, 1863 ; and he md. second wife, Nov. 23, 1864, Sophia Sumner, of Leeds, Me. [See Deaf Mutes.]
 7. I. Charlotte S., b. July 13, 1836 ; d. July 19, 1837.
 8. II. Thomas Lewis, b. July 8, 1839. [See Deaf Mutes.]
 9. 2. Persis, b. Sept. 28, 1800 ; md. Bela M. Swett, 1822 ; d. March 17, 1869.
 10. Susannah, b. Feb. 25, 1775 ; md. Dec. 15, 1795, Charles Rice.
 11. Sarah, b. Feb. 28, 1776 ; md., 1818, Silas Whitcomb.
 12. Lucy, b. Jan. 28, 1778 ; md. Thomas Steele ; moved to Canada, thence to Ohio ; mother of seven children.
 13. Jerusha, b. Oct. 22, 1779 ; md. Joseph Amsden, of this town ; moved to Norwich, Vt. ; mother of twelve children.
 14. Abigail, b. April 28, 1784 ; d. 1794.
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15. Thomas Brown, son of John, who resided in Billerica, Md., and lived Billerica, Mass., and was the father of twenty-two children—eleven sons and eleven daughters.
 16. Jacob Brown, one of his sons, b. June 10, 1790 ; resided in Billerica, and Athens, Vt., and came to this town in 1834 ; resided here until 1868, when he moved to Bradford, where he is still living. He md., first wife and mother of his children, Mercy Estes, of Newton, Mass., who d. March 5, 1868, and he md., second wife, Harriet Fox, of Hadley, Mass.

17. Thomas, b. Sept. 24, 1814, in Newton, Mass.; md. — Bailey; resided here a number of years upon the Benjamin Colby farm.
18. Jacob, Jr., b. March 25, 1816; d. May 12, 1861.
19. Israel, b. Jan. 27, 1818; md. Lucy Hunkins; resides in Ellsworth, Me.
20. Lucy Jane, b. Aug. 19, 1820; md. Charles W. Leslie.
21. Mercy, b. May 6, 1823.
22. Sophia, b. Feb. 13, 1825; md. David Jones.
23. Whitman, b. Jan 21, 1828; md. Elizabeth Eaton, Newbury.
24. Susan W., b. July 6, 1832; md. Samuel Peaslee, Newbury.

Four of these children are buried in this town.

25. Joab Brown, an older brother of Jacob, resided here at one time.
26. Mary J., b. June 8, 1841; md. C. C. Gibson.
27. Hiram, b. July 15, 1843.

28. John Brown was an old settler of the town, and came here, before the Revolution, from Marlboro', Mass., and settled in the valley westerly from the present residence of Carlos Childs. His house stood between Mr. Childs's and Mr. Whitney's. He md., first wife, Mary —; they had born to them eight children; he md., second wife, Betsey, dau. of Jonas Alexander, April 4, 1792. The family have been gone from town for nearly three fourths of a century, and of them the record is necessarily incomplete. Children by his first wife:

29. Molly, b. Nov. 5, 1770; d. 1774.
30. Odel, b. Sept. 12, 1772.
31. Hezekiah, b. Apr. 28, 1774.
32. John, b. Apr. 20, 1777.
33. James, b. May 6, 1779.
34. David, b. Mar. 18, 1781.

35. Jonathan, b. May 23, 1783.

36. Abigail, b. Feb. 20, 1786.

Children by second wife.

37. Jonas A., b. June 20, 1790.

38. Sally, b. May 8, 1794.

39. Moses Brown, son of James and Anna Brown, was b. in Weare, Nov. 2, 1785; md. Abigail Folsom, and settled in the south part of this town. He was an extensive farmer, and owner of the mill near his house; a man of sound judgment and good executive ability. He was often chosen by his townsmen to fill important positions; was one of the founders of the Methodist church in Henniker; was one of the selectmen several years, and representative six years, a longer term than any other person has served in that capacity in this town. He d. April 26, 1858; his wife d. Oct. 17, 1863.

40. Anna E., b. Feb. 20, 1810.

41. Jesse, b. Apr. 22, 1812.

42. David F., b. Oct. 29, 1813.†

43. Josiah, b. Oct 14, 1818.

44. Mary Jane, b. Dec. 2, 1820; md. Augustus Savory, Aug. 27, 1846.

45. James B., b. Sept. 7, 1826.†

(40.) David F. Brown, md. Betsey J. Butler, of Hillsborough, Nov. 27, 1845; resides in Concord; merchant.

46. James B., b. Sept. 23, 1848.

(43.) James B. Brown, md., Feb. 18, 1852, Mary S., dau. of Stephen and Eunice Newhall, of this town; resides on the old homestead; has been selectman, and a superintendent of the Methodist Sunday-school for many years.

47. Ida, b. March 13, 1858.
 48. Moses, b. Sept. 22, 1860.
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49. Thomas Brown, son of Reuben and Nancy Brown, was b. in Bristol, R. I., April 24, 1802; came to this town in 1859; a carpenter by trade. Md., first wife, Hannah H. Bean, who d. Nov., 1858; md., second wife, Mehitabel Tucker.
 50. Nancy M., md. Elbridge Rogers.
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51. Mark Brown, md. Esther M. Chase, of Hopkinton; has resided in this town many years at different times.
 52. Ellen A., b. in Warner, March 22, 1842; md. William D. Davis.
 53. Margaret L., b. July 4, 1843, in Hopkinton; md. Lewis Childs.
 54. Charles W., b. July 7, 1847. 55. Alice I., b. 1853.
 56. George C. M., b. March 9, 1856; d. June 14, 1857.
 57. Carrie E., b. Nov. 7, 1857; d. Nov. 16, 1874.

The last four born here.

BROWNRIGG.

John, Thomas, and Richard Browning came to town one third of a century ago. They are industrious, thrifty citizens.

BUTLER.

1. Bela Butler was here near the close of the last century; was a farmer, and at one time owned a saw-mill in the south-west part of the town, near the bend of the river below the covered bridge on the road leading to Hillsborough. He md., second wife, Dec. 29, 1825, Joanna, dau. of Samuel and Margery Wadsworth; he d. July 25, 1837; his first wife d. Oct. 1, 1823.

2. Sally, b. Jan. 7, 1788, in Sudbury, Mass.
 3. Betsey, b. May 31, 1790, in Hillsborough; md. Titus V. Wadsworth.
 4. Bela L., b. Aug. 28, 1792, in Hillsborough; md., and had—
 1. William H., b. Nov. 23, 1817.
 2. Charles H., b. Aug. 17, 1819.
 3. George W., b. Aug. 30, 1821.
 8. Child, b. —; d. Jan. 7, 1798.
 9. Mary W., b. Sept. 7, 1800; md. John Tilton, of Cambridge, N. Y.
 10. Sophia, b. Sept. 17, 1803; md. Greenleaf Noyes.
 11. Jane, b. May 28, 1807.
 12. Infant, b. 1810; d. Nov. 20, 1810.
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BUXTON.

1. David Buxton, resided in Newton, where he md. Ruth Peasley; had seven sons and three daughters born there. Several of them came to this town, and resided here.
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2. Daniel Buxton, son of David, was b. Feb. 25, 1789, and came to this town about 1800, with his grandfather, Timothy Peasley. His parents subsequently moved here, and settled in the south part of the town. Daniel md. Abigail Paige, and was a resident here until his death. The Buxton family descended from Anthony and Elizabeth Buxton, who came from England and settled in Salem, Mass. The following is from Anthony's will, dated—

“March 8 168 $\frac{3}{4}$ I give unto my Sone John my great bel mettle mortor which I brought out of England, to him and his heyres forever.”
 3. Peace, b. Oct. 7, 1818; md. D. S. Osborne, of Detroit, Mich.
 4. Lydia, b. Nov. 17, 1819; d. Dec. 17, 1873.
 5. Eliza, b. July 28, 1821; md. W. H. Gove, of Weare.

6. Maria, b. June 6, 1823; md. J. P. Dennison, of New York city.
 7. Abby M., b. April 6, 1825. S. Hannah, b. Mar. 9, 1827.
 9. Nathan P., b. March 5, 1829.†
 10. Daniel M., b. Sept. 4, 1830.†
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(9.) Nathan P. Buxton, md., first wife, April 1, 1862, Cynthia Daniels, who d. July 10, 1864; md., second wife, Aug. 10, 1865, Hannah M. Clough, of Deering. He resides on the old homestead. Children by first wife:

11. Clinton A., b. Feb. 10, 1863.
12. Frank E., b. July 9, 1864.

Children by second wife.

13. Elmer E., b. Feb. 25, 1867.
 14. Morris E., b. July 24, 1868.
 15. Alberto, b. Oct. 4, 1873.
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(10.) Daniel M. Buxton, md., Nov. 14, 1855, Abbie A. Whitaker, of Deering, and resided upon the homestead until 1876, when he removed to Hillsborough Bridge; has been selectman.

16. Willis G., b. Aug. 22, 1856; read law with B. K. Weber, Esq., of Hillsborough; graduated from the Law School of the Boston University, in June, 1879; admitted to the bar in March of the same year; resides at Hillsborough Bridge.
 17. Melvin L., b. Jan. 26, 1859.
 18. Ada H., b. Aug. 30, 1863.
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CALDWELL.

1. James Caldwell, b. March 6, 1758; md. Lettice Walker, of Goffstown, and settled in Weare.
2. Alexander, b. in Weare, Nov. 22, 1794; has resided in this town most of his days; md., Nov. 9, 1820, Mehitable, dau. of Joseph and Mehitable Marsh, who d. July 25, 1860.

3. Pliny W., b. May 4, 1821; is a merchant in Lowell, Mass.
 4. Mehitable, b. Nov. 12, 1822; md. John F. Johnson.
 5. Alexander S., b. Oct. 31, 1824; resides in Oregon.
 6. Robert M., b. Oct. 20, 1826; resides in Tennessee.
 7. Andrew J., b. Jan. 21, 1828; d. in Knoxville, Tenn., 1864.
 8. Lydia Ann, b. May 13, 1830.
 9. Joseph M., b. Oct. 6, 1831; killed on the railroad.
 10. John, b. June 27, 1833.
 11. Lucy M., b. Sept. 20, 1835.
 12. James, b. Nov. 4, 1839. [See Roll of Honor.]
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13. James Caldwell, brother of Alexander, b. in Weare, Dec. 24, 1792; md., Dec. 7, 1826, Persis Welch. He was a stone-mason by trade, and for many years a teacher of penmanship; d. in Illinois.
 14. Angeline E., b. Oct. 9, 1827; md. William C. Hale; resides in Pecatonica, Ill.; one child.
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CAMPBELL.

1. The family by this name that became the most numerous in this town descended from Alexander Campbell, who was born in Ulster county, in the north part of Ireland, and emigrated to this country with two sons and three daughters in 1728, and settled in Hawke (now Danville), this state, and was one of the first to introduce the Irish potato into this state, and when asked how they were raised, replied, "Dig a small hole in the ground, put in a potato, cover it up, and in the fall dig the hole open, and you will find more potatoes from the one put there."
2. Annas Campbell, son of Alexander, was twelve years of age when his father came to this country, having been born in 1716; he commenced his clearing in Hawke "single handed, and with only one half-gallon pot to do his cooking with." He md. Abigail Pike, who was said to have been a very remarkable wom-

an, and settled in this town in 1765, where W. S. Childs and his sons reside. He was of small stature, but wiry, athletic, full of ready wit, and strictly honest. His nurse said of him, "His last end was that of the righteous." He was the wealthiest man of the town at the time of his death. He erected the first two-story house in town in 1767. He d. of cancer, Jan. 28, 1772, and was buried on the farm where he lived. His wife d. April, 1808, and was buried in the old burial-yard at Bradford Centre. His children were born in Hawke.

3. Annas, b. Nov. 3, 1744. 4. David, b. Feb. 19, 1746. +
 5. Abigail, b. May 22, 1748. 6. Robert, b. Dec. 2, 1750. +
 7. Alexander, b. Feb. 3, 1752. 8. Hannah, b. Mar. 7, 1754.
 8. Sarah, b. May 15, 1756. 10. John, b. Nov. 1, 1759.
 11. Jesse, b. Nov. 1, 1759. + 12. Phineas, b. Nov. 10, 1761. +
 13. Ruth, b. May 27, 1763; md. Ephraim Goss.

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- (4). Maj. David Campbell md. Sarah Patterson, dau. of Alexander and Elizabeth Patterson, of this town, and resided on the homestead. He enlisted as a private March 5, 1776, in the war of the Revolution; afterwards commissioned first lieutenant. After the war, he was a major in the state militia. He was one of the prominent men of the town for many years. He was the first to introduce tea into the township. On his return from Hawke at one time, he brought some of it home with him. Neither he nor his wife knew how to prepare it for use; but finally Mrs. Campbell put it all into a kettle and boiled it for greens. Upon the eating of it, however, both declared that "it was not fit for that, even." He was commissioned ensign in 8th Co., 15th Reg., state militia, March 1, 1774; afterwards major. His wife was represented as being "tall, slender, very straight and erect, quick in her movements, and full of ready wit." She was an invalid for many years before her

death. He d. Feb. 4, 1803; his wife d. March 12, 1818.

14. Annas, b. 1775; d. June 25, 1787.
15. Hannah, b. Oct. 13, 1777; md. George Connor.
16. Alexander, b. 1780.+ 17. David, b. 1782.+
18. Robert, b. Sept. 9, 1784.+
19. Daniel, b. 1786; md. Esther Fowler, and resided in Batavia, N. Y.
20. Annas, b. Sept. 12, 1788.+
21. Betsey, b. Oct. 24, 1790; md. Daniel Hale.
22. Polly, b. Feb. 21, 1793; md. Harry Barnes.
23. Calvin, b. 1795; md. Abigail Blaisdell.
24. Luther, b. 1798; d. Aug. 25, 1870; unmd.

(16). Alexander Campbell, md. Betsey Hale.

25. Wheelock, b. Aug. 5, 1802.+
26. Harvey, b. May 7, 1804; d. Aug. 4, 1824.
27. Candace, b. Aug. 20, 1806; md. Jonah Campbell.

(17). David Campbell, md. Deborah Goss.

28. Isaac Proctor, b. March 13, 1807; d. in Virginia.
29. Hannah Harvey, b. Jan. 14, 1809.
30. David, b. Jan. 22, 1813.+

(18). Robert Campbell, md. Judith Whitcomb, dau. of Benj. and Sarah Whitcomb, of this town, Feb. 11, 1808; resided here until 1813; removed to Bradford, and remained there until 1828, when he removed to Hyde Park, Vt., where he d. in 1863. He held many positions of honor and trust in Hyde Park, and was highly respected. He had a large family of children, who resided so near him that one half hour's ride conveyed him to the residence of each. His three first children were born here.

31. Orinda, b. July 21, 1809.
32. Daniel, b. Jan. 18, 1811.
33. Joseph C., b. May 3, 1813.
34. Mary, b. Nov. 18, 1814.
35. Andrew J., b. June 18, 1816.
36. Benj. W., b. July 9, 1818.
37. Robert P., b. April 12, 1820.
38. Calvin, b. Feb. 29, 1823.
39. Infant, b. Feb. 29, 1823.
40. Rebecca, b. Apr. 16, 1825.
41. Sarah R., b. Apr. 16, 1825.
42. Luther, b. Feb. 18, 1831.
43. Joseph, b. April 7, 1834.

(20). Annas Campbell, md. Patty Howe, dau. of Micah and Loviza Howe, of this town, Jan. 20, 1820; was chief in organizing the first rifle company in the state, and was its first commanding officer, and one of the very best in the state at that time. He d. May 11, 1864; his wife d. May 25, 1864.

44. Sarah P., b. Oct. 6, 1820; d. Aug. 11, 1829.

45. Hiram Amsden, b. June 27, 1823.+

46. Andrew Jackson, b. July 11, 1827; d. Jan. 15, 1828.

47. George W., b. May 17, 1829; d. Dec. 25, 1870; md. Adelaide A. Mason, of Providence, R. I., where he was an engineer.

47. I. George N., b. April 4, 1856.

48. II. Anna L., b. Oct. 29, 1860.

49. Infant, b. May 17, 1829; d. same day.

50. Robert, b. Aug. 30, 1833; md. Mary A. Hazen, Sutton.
[See Roll of Honor.]

51. Lucy Maria, b. Aug. 19, 1836; md. Harris W. Campbell, Sept. 24, 1873.

52. Mary Elizabeth, b. May 25, 1840; md. S. E. Austin, of Pembroke, Dec. 23, 1873; one daughter.

(11.) Jesse Campbell lived where Norman Matthews resides.

53. Infant, b. June, 1784; d. same day.

No further record of the family.

(12.) Phinehas Campbell, md., first, Susanna Bowman, and settled upon the farm now occupied by his grandson, H. B. Campbell. He was sexton for many years of the Centre burying-ground. His first wife d. Dec. 13, 1818, and he md., second wife, Mrs. Jackman. He d. Sept. 16, 1848.

54. Susan, b. 1791; d. Feb. 22, 1796.

55. Hezekiah, b. July 24, 1793.+

56. Jonah, b. March 20, 1796.+

57. Dolly, b. Jan. 14, 1798; md. Carlton Currier, Hopkinton.

58. Daniel, b. Aug. 14, 1802.+

59. Susan, b. Aug. 5, 1805; md. Nov. 2, 1824, Jacob Peavey.

60. Harris, b. Oct. 27, 1807.+

- (55.) Hezekiah Campbell, md., June 20, 1816, Rebecca, dau. of Silas and Sally Whitcomb, of Henniker.
61. Cornelius B., b. Oct. 4, 1818.+
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- (56.) Jonah Campbell, md. Candace, dau. of Alexander and Betsey Campbell, of this town, who d. Sept. 3, 1828. He md., second wife, Mrs. Philbrick, and resided in Hopkinton the latter part of his life. He was one of the first drummers in the state. He d. in 1879. Is mentioned elsewhere.
62. Infant, b. Dec. 8, 1824; d. Dec. 27, 1824.
63. Harvey, b. Jan. 24, 1826; md. Adaline D. Wyman, May, 1851; resides in Concord; register of deeds for Merrimack county three years; deputy secretary of state, 1874, '75.
64. I. Edwin H., b. 1852. } Both d. 1857.
65. II. Charles C., b. 1854. }
66. III. Edla A., b. April 15, 1861.
67. Infant, b. Sept. 23, 1828; d. at birth.
68. Francis J., b. Feb. 7, 1837; son of second wife.
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- (58.) Daniel Campbell, md., first wife, Elizabeth Willoughby, June 23, 1827, who d. March 13, 1840; second wife Judith Folsom, of Henniker, April 8, 1842; resided in Hillsborough; now in Putney, Vt. Children born in Hillsborough.
69. Alonzo, b. May 11, 1828.
70. Samuel W., b. April 14, 1832.
71. Lizzie, b. Feb. 7, 1834. 72. Martha, b. July 24, 1837.
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- (60.) Harris Campbell, md., Feb. 7, 1833, Martha Wood, dau of Eli and Lucy Wood, of Henniker. He is a blacksmith by trade, which business he has followed in connection with tilling the soil on the old homestead; one of the selectmen of the town many years, and a representative to the legislature in 1853, '54. He was captain of the Rifles.

73. Harris W., b. Sept. 24, 1834; md., Sept. 24, 1873, Lucy M. Campbell.
 74. Harlow B., b. May 22, 1837.†
 75. Lucy H., b. May 21, 1841; md. Franklin Goss.
 76. William L., b. April 26, 1847; d. June 18, 1867.
 77. Mary E., b. Dec. 23, 1848; d. June 2, 1871.
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- (25.) Wheelock Campbell, md., Sept. 27, 1833, Louisa M. Presbury, of this town, who was b. at Belfast, Maine, Aug. 30, 1806. He resided where Alonzo Patterson and son now reside until 1841, when he removed to Manchester, where he d. Sept. 16, 1875. His wife d. June 20, 1872. Children b. in this town.
77. Homer G., b. Sept. 27, 1834; d. March 7, 1835.
 78. Louisa C., b. Dec. 7, 1835; md. C. H. Shepard, Manchester; one dau., md. George Russ, Concord.
 79. Zebulon F., b. Sept. 2, 1837; md., June 9, 1870, Nancy B. French, of Billerica, Mass. Has been a druggist in Manchester since 1860; one of the councilmen of the city in 1876.
80. I. Bowers F., b. Feb. 3, 1872; d. June 21, 1872.
 81. II. Foster F., b. Sept. 26, 1873.
 82. Henry W., b. May 16, 1839; md. Lucretia Fales, Canaan.
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- (30.) David Campbell, md. July 16, 1835, Betsey Godfrey, of Hampton; resides in Concord with his son, Rev. Henry F. Campbell.
83. Emily, b. Newburyport, Mass., Nov. 26, 1836; d. Apr. 10, 1840.
 84. Samuel P., b. Salisbury, Mass., Oct. 9, 1838; d. April 18, 1841.
 85. Lavantia, b. Sept. 16, 1840; d. Sept. 26, 1846.
 86. Henry F., b. April 15, 1844.
 87. John F., b. Dec. 15, 1845; d. Dec. 28, 1846.
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- (45) Hiram A. Campbell, md. Livonia S., dau. of Harry and Polly Barnes, of this town; resided in Roxbury, Mass., many years, where three of his children were b. Lives in Henniker.

88. Adelaide, b. July 17, 1843; md. A. K. Roberts.
 89. Henry B., b. Nov. 29, 1847; unmd.
 90. Charles H., b. Nov. 28, 1855; md. Jenny Tweedle.
 91. Willie Clifton, b. March, 1859.
 92. Ernest F., b. Jan. 5, 1863.

(74.) Harlow B. Campbell, md. — Gordon, Providence, R. I., where he was an engineer; resides on the old homestead in this town.

93. Amie G., b. Providence, Nov. 10, 1860.
 94. Martha W., b. Providence, Sept. 28, 1862.
 95. George H., b. Henniker, June 28, 1866.
 96. Mary E., b. Henniker, Dec. 18, 1871.

Another family by this name that resided in this town traced their origin to Scotland. Sir John Campbell, as Duke of Argyle, assisted at the coronation of James I, of England. Daniel, one of his descendants, was born in Argyle, in 1660; was an officer under William, Prince of Orange, and in 1690 participated in the battle of the Boyne waters in the north of Ireland, which established William and Mary upon the throne of England. He afterwards settled in Londonderry, Ireland, where he married, and was the father of several children, one of whom (Henry) was born in 1697. He married, in 1717, Martha Black, and with his wife and five sons came to this country in 1733. He settled in Windham, this state. Henry, his youngest, married Jannett Mack, who was born during the voyage to this country, and who died in 1778, aged 46 years. In 1765, he moved to Londonderry. He died in Fletcher, Vt., in 1813; he had five sons,—James, David, John,¹+ William, and Cyrus.

(1.) John Campbell, b. in Windham, in 1757; md. Betsey Moore, of Londonderry; came to this town during the Revolution, and settled where Mr. Copp now resides. His wife was a sister to the wives of the three Wallace brothers, and at one time there were four sisters living in that neighborhood. He was a blacksmith by trade, which occupation he followed, together with tilling his farm. He d. March 27, 1820.

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| 2. William, b. 1782. | 3. Robert, b. 1784. |
| 4. John, b. 1786.+ | 5. James, b. 1788. |



John Campbell

6. Jannet, b. 1790; md., Nov. 12, 1814, Thomas Heath, of Wilmot.
 7. Daniel, b. 1792; d. —, 1870.

None of the sons remained in this town after reaching manhood, save John and Daniel: the others went to New York.

- (4.) John Campbell, md., Dec. 23, 1812, Sarah, dau. of Oliver Noyes, of this town. He was a blacksmith and farmer, and resided for a number of years at West Henniker. He lived a long and useful life, and was one of the most substantial citizens of the town for many years. He was often honored by his fellow-citizens with positions of trust; he was a life-long resident of the town. He d. Sept. 7, 1863; his wife d. April 30, 1858.
8. Eliza E., b. June 13, 1813; md. Oliver C. Fisher.
 9. Cyrus N., b. April 24, 1815; md., Jan. 1, 1852, Helen, dau. of Jonas and Nancy Wallace, of this town; was a merchant here several years; resides in Newton, Mass., and is engaged in the nursery business.
10. 1. Helen, b. in Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 23, 1855.
 11. 2. John Wallace, b. in Brighton, N. Y., June 27, 1860; d. April 17, 1874.
12. James Madison, b. Feb. 12, 1817.†
 13. Sarah, b. —; d. March 3, 1821.
 14. John C., b. Jan. 11, 1822; md. Julia D. Butler, of this town; a teacher for many terms: resided on the homestead; route-agent from Hillsborough Bridge to Manchester several years; moved to the former place in 1861, where he has since resided; has been the very efficient cashier of the national bank at that place since 1861.
15. 1. Ella J., b. Oct. 26, 1847; teacher.
 16. 2. Mary E., b. June 26, 1854.
 17. 3. Julia D., b. Feb. 29, 1860.
 18. 4. James A., b. April 14, 1862; d. May 14, 1863.
 19. 5. James H., b. July 27, 1865.
 20. 6. John B., b. Dec. 2, 1866.
 21. Minerva H., b. October 23, 1825; md. Charles H. Darling.

(12.) James Madison Campbell, md., 1843, Zillah D. Cheney, of Holden, Mass., a graduate of Mt. Holyoke seminary, and a lady of rare culture and fine attainments, who d. at Manchester, June 24, 1853. He pursued his academic studies in this town and in Concord; taught several terms in this town and in New Jersey, in 1839-'40; in the fall of 1840 he went to Fredericksburg, Va., where he taught an academy two years. Sept. 9, 1842, he issued the first number of the *Democratic Recorder*, which he published five years; returned to this town, purchased a part of his father's farm, and erected the buildings now owned by Mrs. Parker Smith; remained here until February, 1851, when he went to Manchester and assumed the editorship of the *Union Democrat*, which position he held for twenty-five years. His health being poor, from his long confinement, he relinquished his interest in the *Democrat*, and, in Nov., 1876, went to Apopka, Fla., where he still resides, engaged in the cultivation of oranges. As an editor, he was earnest in the advocacy of those principles which had ever been the guide of his political faith, and he stood at the head of his profession in this state. His keen satire, his incisive thrusts, his logical arguments, supported by facts drawn from his well-stored mind, rendered him a powerful antagonist in a heated political canvass. He possessed the rare faculty of standing at the case and putting his editorials in type, without reducing them to writing, and rarely was a correction needed. As a friend and companion, he is social and affable in the highest degree. He is a noble example of a self-made man.

22. Charles P., b. Dec. 25, 1845, in Virginia; prepared for college in the schools at Manchester, and at Norwich, Vt.; entered Trinity college, Hartford, Conn., and graduated with high honors, doing four years' work in three. It was his purpose to enter the Episcopal



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J. M. Compton



ministry ; but his overwork was too much for his constitution, and he died on his way home from college after his graduation. He was a young man of good attainments, with a bright future before him.

23. James L., b. Feb. 15, 1848, in Henniker ; followed the profession of his father ; is one of the editors of the *Lowell Times*.
 24. John, b. March 28, 1851, in Henniker ; he is also a printer.
 25. George C., b. May 24, 1853, in Manchester ; is a printer ; resides in Florida.
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CARNES.

1. George W. Carnes, son of Matthew L. and Betsey Carnes, and grandson of James and Margaret Carnes, was b. in Plainfield, Vt., Feb. 11, 1821 ; a carpenter by trade ; came to this town from Weare in 1848 ; md. Abigail P. Folsom, June 23, 1848. Children b. here.
 2. Charles C., b. Dec. 1, 1848 ; md. Angelina A. Paige ; he is a carpenter.
 3. 1. Ernest, b. Oct. 8, 1876.
 4. 2. Wilbur S., b. Sept. 14, 1878.
 5. Josephine, b. April 5, 1851 ; d. March 10, 1864.
 6. Willis, b. July 7, 1853 ; md. Elizabeth A. Paige ; he is a carpenter.
 7. 1. Herbert, b. Sept. —, 1874.
 8. 2. Howard A. P., b. Oct. 2, 1877.
 9. Idelor, b. May 12, 1855.
 10. Eliza J., b. Dec. 4, 1858. 11. Lenora, b. Feb. 23, 1862.
 12. Nellie, b. March 18, 1865.
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CARTER.

1. Samuel Carter was b. in Wilmington, Mass., October, 1758 ; md., in this town, in 1790, Molly Abbott, who was b. in Londonderry, May 18, 1769 ; settled in Hillsborough, where he committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor, Oct. 26, 1826. His wife d. March 1, 1855. Children all b. in Hillsborough.
2. Jennie, b. Jan. 4, 1794 ; d. June, 1829.
3. Nathan, b. Jan. 11, 1796.†

4. Samuel C., b. Sept. 1, 1800.
 5. Benjamin, b. Sept. 28, 1802; d. October, 1825.
 6. Cyrus, b. April 4, 1805. + 7. Ira, b. April 8, 1807.
 8. Lucy, b. June 24, 1809; md. — Hoyt; d. Dec. 4, 1876.
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(3.) Nathan Carter, son of Samuel; md., Nov. 24, 1819, Margery Wadsworth, dau. of Aaron Wadsworth, of this town, and settled in the westerly part of the town, where he still resides. Is a carpenter by trade, and has ever been one of the most substantial and highly respected citizens of Henniker.

9. William H., b. March 1, 1822; d. Aug. 16, 1828.
 10. Caroline M., b. July 8, 1824; d. Feb. 26, 1826.
 11. Samuel W., b. Feb. 6, 1827; md., Feb. 1, 1849, Fidelia H. Smith, b. in Langdon, July 29, 1827.
 12. 1. Ella Matilda, b. Aug. 2, 1856; md., Oct. 19, 1876, Wallace A. Howlett, b. Bradford, July 20, 1853.
 13. Nathan F., b. Jan. 6, 1830; md., March 12, 1860, Hattie F. Weeks, b. in Exeter, July 15, 1833. +
 14. Henry C., b. Nov. 30, 1834; is a carpenter and paper-maker by trade; md., July 1, 1860, Clara A. Ferrin, who was b. in Concord, June 3, 1841.
 15. Harrison, b. Jan. 16, 1837; unmd.
 16. William F., b. Nov. 11, 1840; d. April 14, 1859.
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(4.) Samuel Carter, son of Samuel, md. April, 1833, Mary Ray, of this town, and settled in Hillsborough. Of his children who have resided in this town are,—

17. Buren, b. Nov. 28, 1835; m., Dec. 4, 1861, Louisa J. Goodwin.
 18. Benjamin, b. Aug. 24, 1838.
 19. Enos, b. Aug. 13, 1845; lost an arm in the bedstead factory at Hillsborough Bridge; is a paper-maker by trade; collector of taxes, in 1876, and one of the selectmen in 1877 and 1878.
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(6.) Cyrus Carter, son of Samuel, md., June 5, 1832, Eunice Sargent, of Bradford, and resided in this town many years.



N. J. Carter,

20. Elizabeth H., b. Bradford, Nov. 22, 1834; d. Dec. 23, 1860.
21. John H., b. Bradford, Jan. 17, 1837; was drowned in the Contoocook river, Aug. 30, 1851.
22. Mary Ann, b. in Bradford, Dec. 10, 1841; d. Feb. 14, 1843.
23. Lydia Ann, b. in Bradford, Sept. 20, 1845; d. June 17, 1859. He d. June 8, 1879.

(13.) Rev. Nathan F. Carter, during his minority, learned the trade of a carpenter of his father, attending school during the winter. He attended several terms afterwards at the academy, and finally fitted for college at Kimball Union Academy, at Meriden, in 1848. He then worked one year at his trade to obtain means for a still further prosecution of his studies, and entered Dartmouth college in 1849, graduating high in his class in 1853. During his terms in college, he taught a district school three winters in this town. After graduating, he taught four terms in the "Highland Lake Institute," at East Andover, N. H. During the winter of 1854-'5 he taught the high school in Concord. In April, 1855, he commenced labor as teacher and principal of the high school at Exeter, where he remained nine years. In May, 1864, he entered the middle class at the Theological Seminary in Bangor, Me., and completing the course, graduated in July, 1865. Previous to this he had been licensed to preach by the Piscataqua Association, at Exeter, April 20, 1857, and had preached, as health and time permitted, in vacant pulpits, mostly in Rockingham county, while remaining, as teacher, at Exeter. After graduating at Bangor he relinquished the business of teaching, and supplied the pulpit of the Congregational church, at Pembroke, from August, 1865, until August, 1866. May 21, 1867, he commenced preaching at North Yarmouth, Me., where he was ordained Dec. 19, 1867, and remained until April 1, 1869,

when, at his request, he was dismissed. He supplied the pulpit of the Congregational church in Henniker for several Sabbaths in 1869, and in August of this year he commenced his labors with the Congregational church at Orfordville, N. H., then to Bellows Falls, Vt., then in 1879, to Quechee, Vt. Mr. Carter was very successful as a teacher, and in his efforts as a minister has won an enviable reputation. Mr. Carter is the inventor of the "Rotary Library Reference Table," a useful piece of workmanship. Industrious and energetic, affable and courteous, success could not do otherwise than bless his labors. He became at one time quite a frequent contributor to some of the leading magazines and papers of the day, and, under different *noms de plume*, wrote several little poems, some of which were gems of much merit. We have the pleasure of inserting one, which will command much respect for its author :

ON.

BY N. F. CARTER.

On through valleys, over hills,
 On to try the mountain passes,
 On to drink from silver rills,
 Fringed around with greenest grasses !
 Never mind the cuts and scars,
 Never stop for friends to love thee ;
 Climbing, strive to reach the stars,
 And the heaven that smiles above thee !

As the curling smoke ascends,
 Every earth-born beauty scorning,
 Looking to the sky that bends
 Low to clasp the tints of morning,—
 So with resolute desire
 And a brave heart never tiring,
 Fan to flame Hope's holy fire,
 Onward, upward still aspiring !

Stormy clouds may crowd the sky,
 Fogs grow thick and dark around thee ;
 Sorrows dim thine eagle eye,
 Friends with false and harsh words wound thee :
 Yet press on in Duty's path ;
 Let no coward thought delay thee ;
 God shall calm the tempest's wrath,
 And in robes of light array thee !

Onward, ever onward, then,
 Upward, upward still aspiring ;
 Be a man among true men,
 In thy life-work never tiring !
 On to wear a shining name,
 Pure as those of sacred story !
 On to win eternal fame
 In the land of love and glory !

CHANDLER.

The Chandler family in this town descended from William and Annis (Alcock) Chandler, who came to this country from England in 1637, and settled in Roxbury, and afterwards in Andover, Mass., which has been considered the home of this family.

1. William Chandler,⁸ son of Philemon,⁷ son of William,⁶ son of William,⁵ son of Philemon,⁴ son of William,³ son of William,² son of William,¹ was born in Albany, Me., March 26, 1812. When four years old his father removed to Antrim, where William resided until nearly of age, when he came to this town and learned the blacksmith's trade of Charles Barker, of West Henniker, and has continued to work at his trade most of the time since, a period of 42 years. He md., June 6, 1839, Ann, dau. of William and Hannah (Huse) Straw, of Hopkinton, who was born March 28, 1813. She d. June 24, 1878.
2. Mary Ann Boynton, b. Aug. 28, 1843 ; md., Oct. 31, 1868, Frank H. Carr, son of Thomas and Caroline Carr, of Hopkinton. They reside at West Hopkinton.

3. 1. Anna C., b. Feb. 28, 1872.
 4. 2. William Thomas, b. Sept. 8, 1873.
 5. 3. Lucy Clara, b. Sept. 5, 1876.
 6. 4. John F., b. Sept. 26, 1878.
 7. Lucy Maria Lewis, b. Nov. 28, 1847; md., March 1, 1871, George W. Sargent, son of Ora and Judith M. Sargent, of Warner.
 8. I. Ora Scott, b. Sept. 24, 1873.
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9. Charles Chandler, mechanic, b. in Nashua, Jan. 30, 1845; md. Ellen M. Sargent, Feb. 25, 1864, who d. Nov. 11, 1878.
 10. Child, b. Oct. 18, 1878; d. same day.
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CHASE.

1. Thomas Chase, son of John and Ann Rundlett Chase,—and fifth in line of descent from Aquila Chase, who md. Anna Wheeler, and was in Newbury, Mass., in 1646,—was b. in Seabrook, July 23, 1731; md. Mary Dow in 1758, and d. Sept. 19, 1787. Of their children who settled in this town, was
 2. Nathaniel, b. Nov. 9, 1753.†
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- (2.) Nathaniel Chase, md., Sept. 27, 1780, Mary Brown, of Hampton, and came immediately to this town, where he had already, before his marriage, made a clearing on the south side of Craney hill, where his son Nathaniel now resides. He came to town first, bringing his axe, a bag of meal, and a cow. He built himself a "bough house," and commenced his clearing, presuming he had no neighbors nearer than Weare. One day, as he started for Weare to grind his axe, he heard the sound of axes to the westward of him. He at once resolved to know whence they came, and was delighted to find within a mile of him the Ross brothers, settled in a clearing; what was still

better, they had a grindstone, upon which he ground his axe, thus saving a journey to Weare. He d. Sept. 19, 1847.

3. Winthrop, b. Aug. 22, 1781+.
 4. Abraham, b. May 17, 1783.+
 5. Hannah, b. Dec. 31, 1785; md., May 30, 1804. Elijah Dow.
 6. Nathaniel, b. Dec. 31, 1785; d. 1786.
 7. Jonathan, b. Apr. 4, 1788.+ 8. Thomas, b. Mar. 20, 1792.
 9. Charles, b. Dec. 9, 1793; d. Aug. 20, 1796.
 10. Mary, b. Dec. 7, 1795; unmd
 11. Peace, b. Nov. 26, 1797; md. Charles Chase, Kingston.
 12. Nathaniel, b. March 20, 1800.+
 13. Sarah, b. May 19, 1804; md., Sept. 9, 1830, Estes Purington, Weare.
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(3). Winthrop Chase, md., Oct. 25, 1809, Anna Dow, dau. of Winthrop Dow, of Weare, and lived where his sons now reside. He d. Dec. 1, 1857; his wife d. Jan. 6, 1866.

14. Squire, b. Oct. 20, 1810; md. Hannah Adams, Newbury.
 15. Hannah, b. Feb. 19, 1814; d. Dec. 13, 1815.
 16. Jonathan, b. June 18, 1817.
 17. Mary Ann, b. April 29, 1819.
 18. Peace M., b. Nov. 24, 1824.
 19. George W., b. Jan. 25, 1832; md. Harriet Follansbee.
 20. Thomas L., b. Jan. 25, 1832; unmd.
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(4). Abraham Chase, md. first wife, April 3, 1811, Keziah Peasley, of Deering, dau. of Humphrey and Phebe Peasley, who d. Feb. 15, 1819, and he md. second wife, Oct. 28, 1824, Fanny Smith, dau. of Bezaleel Smith. He lived many years upon the hill in the north-westerly part of the town, known as the "Wadsworth hill." The latter part of his life he resided in West Henniker village. He d. March 30, 1861.

21. Hannah, b. Dec. 21, 1811; md., Dec. 21, 1837, Dutton Woods.

22. Humphrey, b. April 15, 1813; md., July 1, 1848, Jane Delevergone, of White Creek, N. Y., where he was killed by a log-rolling upon him, Dec. 29, 1849. He was an industrious citizen, and much respected.
23. 1. Hannah M., d. at the age of 14.
Children by second wife.
24. Mary R., b. Oct. 19, 1825; md. Joseph G. Wadsworth.
25. Frances M., b. July 21, 1831; d. Sept. 30, 1860.

(7). Jonathan Chase, md., 1817, Patience Peasley, and lived where his son Harvey now resides. He d. Oct. 20, 1864; his wife d. Feb. 18, 1868.

26. Ezra, b. April 10, 1818. + 27. Eli, b. Aug., 1820.
28. John, b. Feb. 14, 1822. + 29. Hannah, md. B. Lewis.
30. Fanny, md. Nathaniel Paige.
31. Alonzo J., b. June, 1833; d. April 21, 1866.
32. Harvey, b. July 13, 1836. +

(12). Nathaniel Chase, md., Nov. 16, 1825, Eliza Leach, of Weare, and lives on the old homestead.

33. John F., b. Dec. 31, 1829; md., Feb. 14, 1849, Diana M. Straw, of Weare; d. Nov. 28, 1879; expressman, No. Weare to Manchester.
34. 1. Sherman, b. July 24, 1864.

(26). Ezra Chase, md. first wife, April 27, 1843, Betsey Folsom, who d. March 23, 1851; md. second wife, Aug. 14, 1851, Eliza Warren, of Barnet, Vt., who d. 1864; md. third wife, Dec. 8, 1864, Mrs. Nancy B. Locke, of Loudon.

35. Sarah M., b. Aug., 1850. 36. Nettie, b. 1865; d. 1866.
37. Alzada, b. 1867. 38. Orrin A., b. Oct., 1869.
39. Walter J., b. March 30, 1875.

(28). John Chase, md., March 29, 1855, Achsah A. Harthorn, dau. of Luther and Anna Harthorn, of this town; was one of the selectmen in 1876.

40. John W., b. March 1, 1857.

(32). Harvey Chase, md., Jan. 5, 1863, Louisa J. Paige.

41. Walter A., b. Aug. 26, 1863; d. Sept. 7, 1863.
 42. Hollis M., b. July 18, 1864.
 43. Frank H., b. Feb. 6, 1869. 44. Mary J., b. Oct. 2, 1871.
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45. Chevey Chase, sixth in descent from Aquila, was the son of Jacob and Rhoda S. Chase, and was b. in Deering, July 21, 1798; came to this town from Unity, and md., Sept. 20, 1836, Clarissa, dau. of Elias and Sally Gould; was a merchant here many years; removed to Manchester, thence to Vineland, N. J., where he d. a few years since. His widow is still living.

46. Sarah H., b. Aug. 14, 1837; d. May 1, 1876.
 47. Helen M., b. July 12, 1840.
 48. Gilbert, b. Sept. 28, 1844.
 49. Carlos C., b. Jan. 6, 1846; d. July 16, 1863.
 50. Edna P., b. June 10, 1850; d. May 3, 1876.
 51. Nettie A., b. May 29, 1853.
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52. Dr. Israel P. Chase, son of Charles Chase, was b. in Weare, March 7, 1827, and md. Frances S. Vose, of Francestown, who was b. Sept. 7, 1831; was a printer in his younger days; afterwards studied medicine, and practised his profession one year in Richmond, Va.; came to this town in 1856, and remained until 1871, when he moved to Hillsborough Bridge, where he still resides in the practice of his profession. In 1875 he became proprietor, with his son, of the *Messenger*, published at that place, disposing of the same after his son's death. He has been a very successful physician.

53. James P., b. in Richmond, Va., Feb. 2, 1856; d. Nov. 1, 1876. He was a young man of much promise. Most of his short life was spent in this town, where he left a large circle of friends to regret his early death. He had acquired the reputation of being a skilful and correct printer.

54. Emma, b. July 7, 1859. 55. Alice, b. Aug. 28, 1862.

These sisters are accomplished musicians, and stand high on the roll of musical celebrities this town has furnished.

56. Charles H. Chase, son of Reuben and Hannah (Hardy) Chase, was b. in Hopkinton, April 28, 1825, but has resided in this town the larger part of his life. Md., April 19, 1849, Catherine M., dau. of Luther and Anna Harthorn; md., second wife, Christiana D. Frazier, of Salisbury, who d. April 2, 1869.

57. Henry S., b. Aug. 13, 1862; d. Aug. 27, 1865.

58. Albert C., b. Feb. 7, 1865.

59. Alberto C., b. Feb. 7, 1865.

60. Moses Chase, brother of Charles, md., first wife, Mary Ann, dau. of Samuel Clark; had several children, of whom there is not much record.

61. Albert, b. 1858; resides with Eldad Marsh.

62. John Eaton Chase, son of David and Abigail (Eaton) Chase, was b. in this town March 26, 1818; md. Abby Ann Buxton, Dec. 4, 1836. He worked a cotton mill at Waltham, Mass.; was in the Pemberton mill, at Lawrence, Mass., when it fell, escaping at an end door; agent of Herndon mills, Holyoke, Mass., in 1871; also agent at Three Rivers, Palmer, Mass., in 1873.
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CHENEY.

1. William Cheney, son of Jonathan Cheney, of Hampstead, resided on the south side of Craney hill; md., first wife, Sally —, who d., and he md., second wife, May 3, 1859, Mrs. Ruth Bowman, who d. April 11, 1859.

2. James B., b. Jan. 26, 1826; md., Oct. 25, 1849, Louisa M. Purington, of this town.
 3. Mary A., b. Feb. 21, 1828; md. Asa P. Wiggin.
 4. Harriet M., b. May 20, 1833.
 5. Lyman H., b. July 6, 1835.
 6. Hannah J., b. Sept. 18, 1836; md., May 25, 1862, Harry M. Chadwick, of Sutton.
 7. Albert F., b. Dec. 24, 1839; d. Oct. 29, 1843.
 8. Gilbert J., b. Dec. 24, 1839.
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9. Moses Cheney, son of Moses and Sarah B. Cheney, b. in Holderness, June 28, 1822; came to this town in 1864; was a paper-maker many years, also a farmer. Md., first wife, May 10, 1843, Rebecca L. Rundlett; md., second wife, Oct., 26, 1871, Martha Smith, of this town.
 10. Charles, b. Aug. 26, 1844; md., 1866, Clara L. Marcy.
 11. 1. Amy, b. Sept. 5, 1867, in this town; exhibited unusual musical talent when a child of three years; has been under the tuition of an eminent teacher several years, and has the promise of becoming an excellent musician.
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CHILDS.

1. Solomon Childs, son of Josiah and Ruth Childs, and grandson of Jonathan and Abigail Childs, who were in Grafton, Massachusetts, as early as 1700, was b. in Grafton, Mass., Jan. 3, 1743; md., first wife, April 16, 1767, Martha, dau. of Elijah Rice, of Westboro', Mass., and sister of Elijah and Dea. Daniel Rice. He came immediately to this town, and settled upon the farm now occupied by his grandson, Carlos Childs. He was one of the male members of the first church, organized here in 1769, and was a prominent man in the early days of the town. When he settled here the whole north-west portion of Henniker above him was a wilderness. He lived to see the town reach its maximum population before he

was gathered to his fathers. His first wife was represented as a woman of sterling worth. She d. Aug. 26, 1804, and he md., second wife, Jan. 26, 1806, Mrs. Josiah Ward. Two of his sons marrying two of her daughters, he became somewhat mixed in relationship, by way of marriage, with his own children. He d. Feb. 27, 1827.

2. Elijah, b. 1768; d. June 2, 1776.
3. Moses, b. 1770; d. 1774. 4. Martha, b. 1772; d. 1774.
5. Aaron, b. March 4, 1774. †
6. Martha, b. Nov. 2, 1777; md. William Heaton, March 1, 1803; resided in Thetford, Vt.; mother of eight children, one of whom, Austin C., was a clergyman at Harper's Ferry, Va.
7. Solomon, b. July 30, 1781. †
8. Josiah, b. Oct. 11, 1783. †
9. Lucy, b. Aug. 3, 1787; scalded to death, Feb. 12, 1790.
10. Sally, b. July 5, 1793.

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- (5.) Aaron Childs, md., first wife, April 10, 1794, Sarah Joslyn, of Henniker, who d. April 29, 1798; md., second wife, in 1799, Lucy Ward, dau. of Capt. Josiah, of this town, and moved to New York, near Niagara Falls, where he d. in 1839. His buildings were burned by the English and Indians in 1814, and quite a large sum of money was contributed in Henniker for his relief.

Children of first wife.

11. James, b. July 19, 1795. †
12. Lucy, b. July 19, 1795; d. at birth.

Children of second wife.

13. Ward, became a clergyman in Ohio.
14. Martha. 15. Lucy. 16. William. 17. Asa.
18. Juliana.

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- (7.) Solomon Childs, md., first wife, Mary Long, of Hopkinton, who d. Feb. 13, 1823; md., second wife, Lucinda Childs, who d. Jan. 20, 1852. Mr. Childs was a

carpenter and rake-maker by trade, and was a very industrious, worthy citizen. Affable and courteous, with a smile and a good word for all, he will long be remembered with pleasure by those who knew him. He was a very vigorous man, and after he had passed his four-score years in age, he walked from Concord to his home, fifteen miles, without any apparent fatigue. He d. Oct. 19, 1865.

19. Horace, b. Aug. 10, 1807; md. Matilda R. S. Taylor, of Lempster; (see Bridge-builders); one of the deacons of the Cong. church since Feb. 19, 1857, and has done much to sustain the church in all its relations, and is a valuable member of society.
20. Enoch L., b. Oct. 8, 1808; md. Harriet Long, of Hopkinton. He graduated at Yale, 1840; taught school in Henniker several terms; and for six years was principal of a high school in Montgomery, Alabama, where he commanded great respect for his ability. He was one of the founders of a library association in Montgomery. He was a bridge-builder, and was in government employ many years; resides in Concord, where he has filled several positions of trust with much ability and fidelity.
21. Mary L., b. April 17, 1810; educated at Ipswich, Mass., was a teacher with her brother in Montgomery, Ala., taking a high rank as a female teacher there and in other places where she taught. She resides with her dau., in Cambridge, Mass. She md. Asa Whitney, of Henniker.
22. Warren S., b. Oct. 12, 1811; was in Yale college nearly one year; bridge-builder with his brother; md. Sarah S. T. Lane, of Candia, and settled upon the homestead with his father, where he still resides. He has been one of the hard-working, industrious citizens of the town, and is now enjoying with his estimable wife the fruits of a busy life.
23. 1. Richard L., b. Aug. 2, 1843; m., Nov. 19, 1877, Kate Gutterson; one child.
24. 2. Curtis B., b. Aug. 23, 1845; graduated at the Chandler Scientific Dep't, Dartmouth college, in 1868; was a civil engineer several years in the Western and Southern states; resides on the homestead.
25. 3. Mary A., b. Aug. 29, 1849; md. Francis Prendergast. Two children.

26. 4. Frederick W., b. June 17, 1853; d. Aug. 26, 1854.
 27. Martha C., b. June 30, 1813; md. Benj. Colby.
 28. David, b. June 4, 1815; d. April 6, 1816.
 29. William C., b. June 10, 1816; d. Oct. 23, 1816.
 30. Celestia M., b. Oct. 11, 1817; d. Jan. 23, 1820.
 31. David C., b. Oct. 8, 1818; d. Dec. 12, 1837.
 32. Julia A., b. Feb. 26, 1821; d. July 30, 1854.
 33. Caroline, b. Jan. 25, 1823; md. John J. Stillman, Bridgeport, Conn.

- (8.) Josiah Childs, md. Abigail, dau. of Capt. Josiah and Sarah Warde, of this town, April 17, 1806, and always lived upon the homestead; was one of the deacons of the Congregational church from Dec. 5, 1831, until 1857; he was an excellent man, and one of the strong pillars of the church for half a century. He d. Feb. 1, 1863; his wife d. Jan. 10, 1872.
34. Aaron, b. Dec., 1806; md. Hannah Beaman, and lives in Augusta, Mich., where he has been, for nearly half a century, one of the most influential and highly respected citizens of the town; has been clerk of the township ten years, supervisor fifteen years, post-master twelve years, and a member of the legislature two years; has nine children, all born in Augusta, Mich.
35. 1. Jonathan W., b. March 14, 1834.
 36. 2. Lewis E., b. May 25, 1836.
 37. 3. Lovina L., b. Jan. 21, 1841.
 38. 4. William K., b. July 12, 1843.
 39. 5. Eugene M., b. May 28, 1846.
 40. 6. Alma C., b. April 30, 1850.
 41. 7. Ellen A., b. June 12, 1851.
 42. 8. Hamar R., b. Oct. 1, 1854.
 43. 9. Elvira, b. Feb. 3, 1856; d. Feb. 29, 1856.
 44. Ira Goodell, b. Feb. 6, 1809; md. Abigail Wilder, of Lancaster, Mass.; lived and died in Fitchburg, Mass.
45. Josiah, b. March 1, 1811; md. Louisa Toombs, of Lancaster, Mass.; resides in Augusta, Mich.; was treasurer of the town several years, and one of the deacons of the church since 1853. Children born in Augusta.
46. 1. Addison, b. June 10, 1844.
 47. 2. Anna G., b. July 17, 1846.
 48. 3. Louisa, b. July 27, 1848.
 49. 4. Josiah S., b. Nov. 23, 1850.

50. 5. Soreno W., b. Aug. 14, 1852.
 51. 6. Rosella, b. Feb. 18, 1855.
 52. 7. Ira G., b. Feb. 15, 1858; d. May 28, 1862.
 53. Carlos, b. May 20, 1813; md., Aug. 22, 1848, Philena Brackett, of Colebrook, who d. March 19, 1857; resides upon the homestead of his father and grandfather, and is one of the most highly respected citizens of the town, and a very useful member of society.
 54. Rosella, b. Aug. 24, 1815; md., first husband, John Whitney, of Lancaster, Mass.; second husband, — Trask.
 55. William C., b. Nov. 14, 1817; d. Oct. 31, 1842; unmd.
 56. Soreno Austin, b. Sept. 17, 1819; md. Mary H. Low, of Fitchburg, Mass., where he resides.
 57. 1. Frederick A., b. Sept. 5, 1856.
 58. Addison, b. Oct. 16, 1821; d. Nov. 5, 1844; fitted for college at the academy in this town when 19 years old, but being in ill-health, did not enter; taught school two years in Provincetown, Mass., and while teaching studied for the ministry, and commenced preaching at North Bridgewater, Mass., in his 22d year; was taken sick with a fever while attending an ecclesiastical meeting of Methodists at Duxbury, Mass., and died soon after. He was a young man of great promise.
 59. Sarah, b. Aug. 6, 1823; d. Aug. 6, 1825.
 60. James Webster, b. June 16, 1826; md. Lucy A. Hubbard, of Claremont, and settled in Augusta, Mich., where he still resides. With the exception of five years, he has been superintendent of schools since his settlement in Augusta; justice of the peace, supervisor several years, member of the house of representatives four years, state senate six years, state board of agriculture nine years; ten years president of the Farmers and Mechanics' Trade Association of Ypsilanti, Mich.; superintendent of the Sabbath-school of the Congregational church in Augusta since 1853, and for twenty years was absent only one Sabbath when in the township. Has two adopted children.
 61. 1. Carlos W., b. June 10, 1856.
 62. 2. Mary A., b. Aug. 30, 1858.
 63. Mary Elizabeth, b. April 24, 1829; md. Calvin W. Lowe, of Fitchburg, Mass., and lives in Augusta, Mich.; mother of eleven children.

(11.) James Childs, md., Feb. 9, 1826, Hannah, dau. of Abijah Hildreth, of this town.

64. Newton, b. 1828 ; d. Dec. 23, 1837.
 65. Franklin, b. 1831. 66. Jason, b. 1833.
 67. Horace, b. 1835 ; d. June 23, 1839.
 68. Elsy J., b. — ; md., Nov. 23, 1853, Charles Dyer.
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69. Lewis Childs, b. May 29, 1838, Vergennes, Vt. ; md. Livonia M., dau. of Mark and Esther Brown ; resides at Contoocook.
70. Hattie M., b. Nov. 12, 1862.
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CILLEY.

1. Thomas Cilley, b. in Dunbarton, June 8, 1786 ; has resided here many years with his son.
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2. Jonathan Cilley, son of Thomas and Margaret (Flanders) Cilley, b. in Weare, June 12, 1818 ; md., Nov. 26, 1846, Melissa, dau. of Jonathan Flanders, of this town.
 3. John F., b. Feb. 4, 1848 ; d. March 9, 1848.
 4. Calvin C., b. April 10, 1849 ; d. July 5, 1875.
 5. Farnum M., b. April 6, 1851.
 6. Amy F., b. April 17, 1853 ; d. Feb. 7, 1859.
 7. John F., b. June 27, 1855 ; d. Oct. 21, 1856.
 8. Eliza J., b. May 6, 1861 ; d. July 28, 1864.
 9. Frederick B., b. March 6, 1863 ; d. April 1, 1863.
 10. Mary M., b. April 13, 1869.
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CLARK.

1. Benjamin Clark, settled in this town about the time of its incorporation. He resided in a house that stood in the bend of the river easterly from the "Plummer place," in the south-east part of the town. The east end of the house rested upon stone abutments built in the river bank, and the place is still known as "Clark's landing." He was one of the prominent men of the town in its early days. His children were all born in this town.
2. Elizabeth, b. July, 1769 ; d. Sept. 11, 1779.

3. Eddy, b. May 29, 1771; d. Aug. 24, 1778.
4. Benjamin, b. July 3, 1773.†
5. John, b. 1775; d. Sept. 1, 1778.
6. Betsey, b. 1777; d. Sept. 11, 1779.

There may have been other children, but there is no record.

7. William Clark, a brother of Benjamin, resided near his brother. But little record of this family.
8. Sarah Jane, b. June 15, 1770.
9. Joseph, b. June 25, 1772.

(4.) Benjamin Clark, md., March 9, 1796, Hannah Gove, of Deering; resided in various places, but more in this town than elsewhere, where his descendants reside. He d. May 15, 1846; his wife d. January, 1827.

9. Betsey, b. in Center Harbor; md. Moses Glines, of Center Harbor.
10. Edward G., b. —.†
11. Jonathan, b. —; md. Lucretia Wadleigh.
12. Hiram G., b. Nov. 13, 1806.† 13. David, b. —.†
14. Ephraim, b. —.
15. Hannah F., b. —; md. William K. Davis.
16. Phebe, b. —; md. Abel Carter, Woburn, Mass.
17. John, b. —; md. Mary Ann Loudon; resides in Philadelphia.
18. Benjamin F., b. April 22, 1820; md. Jan. 3, 1848, Laura Gordon; he was a shipwright for many years.

(10.) Edward G. Clark, md. Mehitable Gove, of Weare, and settled in 1826 upon the farm where Benjamin Colby and son live, upon which he resided until his death. His first wife d. Dec. 16, 1866, and he md., second wife, April 11, 1868, Martha J. H. Dow. He d. July 19, 1875.

19. Abigail H., b. July 19, 1824; d. Sept. 20, 1828.
20. Hannah G., b. July 18, 1826; md., first, William F. Savory, of Henniker; second, — Allison, of Concord.
21. Mehitable, b. July 29, 1829; d. April 12, 1841.
22. Abby, b. Aug. 27, 1831; md. Imri W. Ball.

23. William, b. Sept. 22, 1833; d. Oct. 2, 1833.
 24. Mary L., b. Nov. 25, 1834; md. Albert Carter, Woburn, Mass.
 25. Jeannette, b. Feb. 3, 1837; unmd; teacher.
 26. Mittie F., b. April 2, 1869; child of second wife.
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(12.) Hiram G. Clark, md., Oct. 27, 1835, Joanna Seavey, of Andover. Was a pump-maker, and a prosperous farmer. He lived where his son now resides. He d. July 10, 1872.

27. Jane B., b. Sept. 7, 1836; md. George A. Barnes.
 28. Joanna M., b. June 30, 1838; md. Frank S. Dodge.
 29. Albert C., b. Jan. 19, 1841; resides upon the homestead; md., Oct. 4, 1864, Addie R. Dodge, dau. of C. S. and Delilah Dodge, of Henniker.
 30. 1. Ina H., b. Jan. 9, 1866; d. Feb. 11, 1874.
 31. 2. Hatty, b. May 15, 1869.
 32. 3. John C., b. April 5, 1873.
 33. 4. Ada D., b. Nov. 19, 1874.
 35. Hiram G., b. Aug. 19, 1844; md., Nov. 29, 1865, Rhoda M. Harvey; resides in Missouri.
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(13.) David Clark, md. Hepsibeth Eastman, of this town. Resided here until 1864, when he removed to Conn.

36. Hiram, b. Dec. 8, 1835; d. Nov. 1, 1836.
 37. George, b. Aug. 18, 1837.
 38. Adaline, b. Aug. 6, 1839.
 39. Harrison, b. March 21, 1842.
 40. Abigail E., b. June 26, 1846.
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41. Samuel Clark, was b. in Warner, Sept. 14, 1791, and came to this town shortly after his majority. He resided mostly in a house that stood near where Luther Whitcomb's granary now stands. He was a blacksmith by trade. Md., first wife, Betsey Kimball, dau. of Reuben and Betsey Kimball, of Warner, who d. June 3, 1816; md., second wife, Jane J. Kimball, sister of his first wife. He d. July 1, 1832, and his widow md. Calvin Bowman.

Children by first wife.

42. Reuben K., b. May 15, 1812; d. May 10, 1829.
 43. Elijah B. P., b. Aug. 28, 1815.†

Children by second wife.

44. Betsey K., b. June 16, 1817; d. July 1, 1839.
 45. Sally P., b. Oct. 29, 1819; d. Jan. 19, 1835.
 46. Louisa J., b. June 3, 1822; d. Oct. 6, 1822.
 47. Louisa J., b. Aug. 14, 1823; md. Peter Carley, of Peterborough.
 48. Mary A. W., b. Nov. 4, 1825; md. Moses Chase; d. in 1860.
 49. Joshua D., b. Dec. 23, 1828; d. Aug. 10, 1831.

(43.) Blaisdell Clark, md. Betsey Patch; stage driver in his younger days; stone mason by trade.

50. Emily. 51. George. 52. Louisa; md. Alfred Folsom.
 53. Elizabeth, d. ——. 54. Hattie; md. —— Follansbee.
 55. Fanny, md. Stephen Cram, of Weare.
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- I. Warren Clark, son of Jacob K. and Mary Clark, was b. in Hopkinton, March 29, 1837; graduated at Norwich University, Vt., Aug. 13, 1857; taught military and mathematics at Mt. Pleasant Military Academy, Sing Sing, N. Y., and at Randall's School for Boys, in Bloomfield, N. J.; commenced reading law with George & Foster in 1859; admitted to the bar in April, 1862; began the practice of law in this town in April, 1863, remaining here until November, 1870, when he returned to Concord, where he has since resided. Taught his first school in district No. 1, in this town, in 1853; taught many terms in the adjoining towns; was superintending school committee of Hopkinton in 1860, '61 '62, and several years in this town; was appointed judge of probate for Merrimack county in 1874, which position he held two years; has been a member of the board of education in Union School District, Concord, five years, and most of that time secretary of the board. He md., May 11, 1864, Fanny S. Otis, of Colchester, Conn.

CLOUGH.

1. David Clough was b. in Salem, Mass., 1752, and md., Jan. 11, 1774, Damaris, dau. of Nathaniel and Keziah Smith, of Marlborough, Mass., where she was born Aug. 1, 1851. They moved to Sudbury, Mass., and resided there until June, 1778, when they came to this town and settled upon what is now known as the "Proctor farm," on Federal or "Proctor hill," and were the first settlers upon the hill. They came to this town on horseback, Mr. Clough bringing in his arms a daughter two years and a half old, and Mrs. Clough bringing her twin sons, then eight months old,—the three having been born in Sudbury. Mr. Clough at once became one of the most prominent men in the town. He was a justice of the peace; town-clerk for nineteen years, and was very correct and faithful in the discharge of the duties of that position. He was one of the deacons of the Congregational church from July 23, 1802, until his death, a period of nearly seventeen years. He lived upon the hill until 1799, when, disposing of his farm to Lt. John Proctor, he settled in the north-west part of the town, upon the farm now owned by Levi B. Davis. In addition to his other business, he labored at his trade,—that of a blacksmith. The iron scroll-work which surmounts the sounding-board in the old town-house was made by him in 1788. Mr. Clough was a soldier in the Revolution. He enlisted in the month of April, 1775, for nine months, and served that time in Capt. Parker's company, Col. Bedel's regiment, in northern New Hampshire, and was regularly discharged Jan. 30, 1776, at Mount Independence. He afterwards enlisted in September, 1776, for five months, and served that time in Capt. Connel's company, and was discharged Feb. 1,

1777, at White Plains, N. Y. He made an application for a pension May 11, 1818, through Hon. Joshua Darling, then one of the associate justices of the court of common pleas for Hillsborough county. The petition was sent to the Department, considered, and returned with the following endorsement :

“There were no enlistments prior to Dec., '75, for so long a term as nine months. Rejected.”

He d. Jan. 2, 1819; his wife d. April 7, 1826. All the children but the three first were born in this town.

2. Sarah, b. Nov. 22, 1774; d. in Manchester.
3. David, b. Oct. 20, 1776; d. Sept. 21, 1787.
4. Nathaniel, b. Oct. 20, 1776.†
5. Jeduthan, b. March 10, 1779; lost at sea; sailed from Boston; never heard from.
6. Eunice, b. April 21, 1781; md. Abraham D. Patterson, Nov. 17, 1803.
7. Kate, b. Aug. 10, 1783; d. Sept. 26, 1811.
8. Susanna, b. July 19, 1785; md. — Bowman; d. in Hingham, Mass.
9. David, b. June 1, 1788.†
10. John, b. July 16, 1790; last heard of, resided in Muscatine, Iowa.
11. Joseph, b. April 21, 1795; d. Feb. 29, 1796.

- (4.) Nathaniel Clough, md. Lydia, dau. of Luke and Vashti Eager, of this town; she d. Dec. 13, 1797, and he md., June 3, 1801, Abigail Wadleigh, of Exeter. He resided a while in Concord, then lived upon the farm with his father, and afterwards went to Manchester to live with his son Charles, and d. there Jan. 16, 1848; his wife d. July 18, 1847.

Children by first wife.

12. Lydia, b. May, 1797; d. May 30, 1798.

Children by second wife.

13. Lydia, b. Oct. 2, 1802; d. Jan. 20, 1875; unmd.
14. Edward, b. Feb. 1, 1803; d. March 24, 1804.

15. Charles, b. in Concord, Feb. 12, 1806.†
 16. Emily P., b. in Concord, May 17, 1807; md., first time, — Foss, of Hopkinton; second time, — Tenney; lives in Fisherville.
 17. William M., b. in Concord, June 8, 1809; d. Oct. 8, 1839.
 18. Mary, b. Dec. 4, 1812; d. in Bradford, Mar. 21, 1814.
 19. Joseph, b. Dec. 4, 1812; d. in Bradford, Mar. 20, 1814.
 20. Nancy, b. Aug. 10, 1815; d. in Henniker, Oct. 16, 1815.
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(9) David Clough, md., Aug. 10, 1804, Laura Withington, dau. of Francis M. and Hannah Withington, of this town.

21. Horace M., b. March 9, 1828; resides in Hartford, Ct.
 22. Abigail L., b. Aug. 31, 1830; resides in Plaistow.
 23. David D., b. May 3, 1833; d. Oct. 7, 1853.
 24. Ermina Isabel, b. Aug. 4, 1836; md. Chellis Ray; resides in Plaistow.
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(15) Charles Clough, md., Feb. 12, 1832, Catharine B. Lee-man, of Newcastle, Me., and lived in this town most of the time until Dec. 16, 1844, when he moved to Manchester, where he resided until his death, Jan. 16, 1872. He was of powerful build, and was for several years standard-bearer of the Amoskeag Veterans.

25. Charles Edward W., b. in Boston, Mass., Dec. 29, 1836.
 26. Olief A., b. in Henniker, Jan. 14, 1838.
 27. Emily P., b. in Henniker, July 6, 1840.
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28. Thomas Clough, md. Jedediah —. Children mostly b. in this town.

29. Maria, b. Feb. 27, 1791. 30. Mehitabel, b. Feb. 2, 1794.
 31. Abner, b. April 15, 1796. 32. Meltiah, b. Sept. 28, 1797.
 33. Caleb, b. Feb. 27, 1800. 34. Zadoc, b. March 14, 1802.
 35. Gardner, b. April 26, 1805. 36. Rodna, b. Oct. 27, 1808.
 37. Maria, b. Sept. 27, 1810.

COGSWELL.

1. John Cogswell, the ancestor of the Cogswell family in America, was the son of Edward Cogswell, and was b. in Westbury county, Wiltshire, England, and in 1635 emigrated to this country with his family of eight children, and settled in Old Ipswich, and was the second settler in what is now called Essex. He built a log house upon his arrival, in which he lived several years, until he built a two-story house, upon the floors of which were laid the carpets he brought from England, and the "dressers" which contained his silver and pewter ware. He d. in 1669, aged 72 years. There is no record of his wife's name (save that of Elizabeth) before he married her, but she was represented as "a woman of sterling qualities, and dearly beloved by all who knew her." Their first son, William,² was b. in 1619, and died in Essex, Mass., in 1701, aged 82 years. He left a large family, among whom was Lieut. John³ Cogswell, b. in Essex in 1650, and d. in 1710, aged 60 years. One of his sons was William,⁴ who was b. in Essex, Sept. 24, 1694, and married a daughter of Capt. Jonathan Cogswell, Sept. 24, 1719. The date of his death is unknown. One of his sons was Dea. Jonathan⁵ Cogswell, who was b. in Essex, May 9, 1725. He married Mary, daughter of Benjamin Appleton, Dec. 28, 1752, and died Feb. 12, 1812. They had thirteen children, among whom was Joseph,⁶ who was born in Essex, Mass., Dec. 2, 1756, and married Abigail, dau. of Rev. John Cleaveland, of Essex, May 31, 1788, and removed to Derry, N. H., in 1794, where he d. Nov. 22, 1843, aged nearly 87 years, leaving a large family.

7. Jonathan Cogswell, son of Joseph, was b. in Essex, Mass., January 2, 1789. He learned the trade of

- carpenter, and came to this town in 1817. He md. Mary Dickey, of Deering, Feb. 3, 1820. He resided where Mrs. Timothy Emerson now lives until 1836, when he removed to Dorchester, N. H., where he d. Nov. 18, 1863. His wife Mary, the mother of twelve children, d. Oct. 9, 1845, and was buried in Dorchester. He md. for his second wife Louisa Field, of Deerfield, by whom he had one child.
8. Eliza Jane, b. Nov. 9, 1820; unmd.
 9. Mary Dickey, b. Nov. 20, 1821; md. Sept. 19, 1843, Ashel Folsom, of Dorchester, who d. Oct. 16, 1848. She removed to Iowa City, Iowa, thence to Bloomington, Ill., where she still resides. One daughter,—Emily.
 10. Abigail Cleaveland, b. Jan. 13, 1822; d. March 9, 1832.
 11. James Richard, b. June 18, 1824; md., June 29, 1849, Esther S. French, of Manchester.
 12. 1. Eugene C. 13. 2. Henry. 14. 3. Warren H.
 15. 4. Freddie.
 16. Elizabeth F., b. May 15, 1826; md. John Eastman, of Bristol.
 17. Helen M. W., b. Dec. 5, 1827; d. Nov. 3, 1831.
 18. Louisa A., b. Aug. 7, 1829; md. John Eastman, Dec. 22, 1855; resides in Bloomington, Ill. Has six children.
 19. Rachel E., b. Aug. 13, 1831; md. Benj. Cook, March 19, 1858; d. Oct. 29, 1862. Had two children.
 20. Joseph M., b. Nov. 6, 1833; d. Dec. 12, 1833.
 21. Joseph H. L., b. Jan. 23, 1835; md. Oct. 18, 1861, Emma K. Robbins, of Dorchester.
 22. Edward P., b. Oct. 7, 1836; md., Nov. 9, 1861, Abiah Kenniston, Manchester.
 23. 1. Frank Eddie.
 24. Jonathan C., b. July 18, 1838. Enlisted in an Illinois regiment, and died in hospital, Dec. 31, 1861.
Child of second wife.
 25. Luella S., b. June 23, 1853; d. March 11, 1875.
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26. David Cogswell, son of Joseph, was b. in Essex, Mass., April 25, 1790. He learned the trade of a blacksmith of David Choate, Esq., in Essex, after which he went to Cape Ann, Mass., to reside. Here he

md. Hannah, dau. of Stephen and Anna Haskell, of West Gloucester, Mass., Jan. 3, 1813, who was b. Jan. 18, 1792. They were married by the Rev. Daniel Fuller, D. D. A portion of the time during the War of 1812 he served in the Gloucester Artillery as a minute man, of which company he was first lieutenant. For his services he received a few years before his death a warrant for 160 acres of land. He moved to this town Feb. 9, 1815, and lived in the house now occupied by George C. Preston, his shop being in the rear. Here he resided until 1820, when he built the house now occupied by his son, D. W. Cogswell. He worked for a large number of years in a shop that stood where the present residence of Harris W. Campbell stands; afterwards purchased the brick shop near the end of the stone bridge, building a story upon it, as it now stands, in 1836. He d. June 30, 1868, of cancer in the stomach. He took but little nourishment for the thirty-six days previous to his death.

Hannah, his wife, d. Jan. 13, 1872. In a notice of her death, the writer said, "She became a member of the Congregational church in 1816; having a heart full of the love of her Master, she early became interested in the reforms for the elevation of the poor and afflicted. She was highly beloved by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. The sick and the weary, the poor and the down-trodden, always found in her a warm friend; and as she lay surrounded in her casket by garlands of rare and beautiful flowers, not one more pure and beautiful than had her whole life been, the sobbing hearts of the troop of friends, who assisted at the last sad rites, bore testimony to the excellent and Christ-like friend all had lost."

27. John Cleaveland, b. Dec. 20, 1813; d. Dec. 6, 1838; unmd.

28. Abigail Ann, b. May 23, 1815; md. Benj. C. Andrews, of New Boston, May 16, 1839; d. May 13, 1860.
29. Mary Haskell, b. July 13, 1817; d. July 3, 1878; md. Charles Choate, of Derry, N. H., Feb. 7, 1848; mother of eight children.
30. 1. Clemmie Isabella, b. Nov. 3, 1849; unmd.
31. 2. Arthur Lewellyn, b. Feb. 17, 1851; d. April 17, 1851.
32. 3. Arthur LeRoy, b. March 11, 1852; killed by the upsetting of a cart, May 13, 1872, at Derry.
33. 4. Roger Leander, b. June 18, 1854.
34. 5. Charles L., b. April 7, 1856.
35. 6. Anna Frances, b. Sept. 24, 1857.
36. 7. Hattie Coffin, b. Sept. 25, 1860.
37. David Warren, b. March 21, 1819; scalded to death, Dec. 29, 1821.
38. Amanda Cleora, b. Dec. 18, 1820; d. Jan. 31, 1834.
39. David Warren, b. Jan. 1, 1824; md. Mary S. Johnson, of Weare, Feb. 20, 1851, who d. March 23, 1859; md. for his second wife, Eliza L. Sawyer, of Weare, Dec. 10, 1859; was deputy-sheriff many years; is a blacksmith by trade, and a farmer.
40. 1. John Cleaveland, b. Oct. 12, 1861.
41. 2. Leander Allen, b. March 4, 1864.
42. 3. Willis, b. Feb. 27, 1867.
43. 4. Arthur, b. June 8, 1872; d. Oct. 1, 1872.
44. Leander Winslow, b. Nov. 18, 1825; md. Mary S. Pillsbury, May 17, 1855; received an academic education; taught school several terms; went to California in 1849, and returned in 1854; merchant from 1855 to 1861; route agent from Hillsborough Bridge to Manchester from July, 1861, until August, 1862, when he enlisted as a private in Co. D, 11th N. H. Vols.; was commissioned captain of same company Sept. 4, 1862; commissioned lieutenant-colonel August 20, 1864; followed the fortunes of the Ninth Army Corps nearly three years, participating in its memorable battles, marches, and sieges; represented the town in the legislature of 1866, 1867, 1870, 1871; state treasurer, 1871-2; bank commissioner since 1876; member of the N. H. Historical Society; president N. H. Antiquarian Society; W. M. Aurora Lodge, and High Priest Woods Chapter, each several years.
45. Parsons Brainard, b. Jan. 22, 1828; unmd.; devoted his time in his younger days mostly to tilling the land, attending the district school in the winter, and occasionally a term at the academy until nearly nineteen years old, when he attended school eight months



James T. ...
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at Clinton Grove, Weare, under the tuition of Moses A. Cartland; taught school a few weeks in the autumn of 1847 in Weare. Nov. 29, 1847, he entered the printing-office of Messrs. Fogg & Hood, Concord, publishers of the *Independent Democrat*, to learn the art of printing. In 1849, he entered the office of the *New Hampshire Patriot*, where he remained three years, his work being partly on books. In the fall of 1849, he worked six weeks in the *Cape Ann Light* office, at Gloucester, Mass. In 1852 he entered the office of Tripp & Osgood, and was engaged on book and job work, remaining there until 1854, when he spent a few weeks in the *American* office at Manchester; and late in March, in company with A. G. Jones, purchased the office of Tripp & Osgood. May 23, 1864, in company with George H. Sturtevant, he started the *Concord Daily Monitor*, which was the first permanent daily published in Concord. In 1867, the *Monitor* and *Independent Democrat* offices were united, and he became the local editor. In October, 1871, the papers were purchased by a joint-stock association, himself being a member, and associate editor, which position he now holds. He was a member of the superintending school committee of Concord in 1858, and when the school board of the precinct was organized in August, 1859, he was chosen one of the three members for two years, and is yet a member, having been elected seven times for three years each: was financial agent of the board eighteen years. He was one of the representatives to the legislature from Ward 5, in 1872 and 1873; has been a member of the N. H. Historical Society for many years, four of which he was its secretary; was president of the N. H. Press Association in 1872, '73, '74, '75; is a member of the Atheneum Club and Appalachian Club, both of Boston; for several years was one of the state auditors of printers' accounts, and one of the state library committee. In 1877, he visited California and Oregon, and has travelled extensively in all the Northern states both east and west of the Mississippi, and also in Canada. In 1878-'79 he visited Europe, the Holy Land, and Egypt. His letters from abroad were published under the title of "Glints from Over the Water," an octavo volume of 455 pages.

- had three children ; he has been a resident of Burlington since 1854.
47. 1. Anna Bell, b. June 10, 1859, at Ceredo, West Va.
 48. 2. Lina Haskell, b. May 27, 1861, at Burlington, Iowa.
49. 3. Nellie Pauline, b. Oct. 29, 1864.
 50. Emeline Adelia, b. Oct. 31, 1832 ; md. Nathan S. Johnson, of Weare, Dec. 24, 1853. They have had seven children.
51. 1. Fanny Adelia, b. July 27, 1855.
 52. 2. Susan Cleaveland, b. Dec. 8, 1856.
 53. 3. Frank Warren, b. July 19, 1858.
 54. 4. Charles Tilton, b. Sept. 17, 1863 ; d. July 19, 1871.
 55. 5. Agnes Hunt, b. Feb. 3, 1866.
 56. 6. Carrie C., b. May 28, 1872.
 57. 7. Ralph, b. Oct. 20, 1876.
 58. William Elbridge, b. Feb. 27, 1835 ; md. Susan M. Foster, of this town, Dec. 4, 1862 ; he d. Sept. 27, 1875, leaving six children. He was town-clerk and treasurer many years, and representative two years ; a tinman by trade.
59. 1. Addie Frances, b. Aug. 25, 1864.
 60. 2. Charles Elbridge, b. Jan. 1, 1866.
 61. 3. Anna Mabel, b. Sept. 3, 1869.
 62. 4. Frank Selwyn, b. Sept. 17, 1871 ; d. April 18, 1878.
 63. 5. Albert Foster, b. Oct. 2, 1873.
 64. 6. Martha Haskell, b. April 24, 1875.
 65. Fitz Edward, b. April 13, 1839 ; md. Lizzie Goss, of this town, Dec. 28, 1868 ; a tinman by trade ; resides in Concord. They have had two children.
66. 1. Ednah Brainard, b. April 6, 1870.
 67. 2. Edward, b. March 28, 1874.
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68. Thomas Cogswell, son of Joseph, was b. in Derry, Sept. 23, 1800 ; he learned the trade of blacksmith, and came to this town ; after working a while with his brother David, he built a shop on the present site of Jonathan Scribner's house. He md., May 10, 1827, Hannah L. Ingalls, of Marblehead, Mass., who d. Sept. 28, 1833 ; md., second wife, Louisa Dickey, of Deering, April 24, 1834 ; removed to Dorchester in 1835. He d. June 27, 1878 ; she d. —, 1876. They had two children.

69. Hannah Maria, b. Aug. 21, 1835; d. March 24, 1861.
 70. Thomas Scott, b. Aug. 13, 1837; d. Dec. 24, 1856.
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71. Dea. Nathaniel Cogswell, son of Dea. Jonathan Cogswell, was b. in Essex, Mass., May 17, 1769. He md. Eunice Low, of Essex, Feb. 20, 1794, who d. Aug. 26, 1825; moved to this town in 1800, and resided for a while upon the farm now owned by Levi C. Newton, and afterwards upon the farm now owned by Mr. Adams, where he d. July 17, 1836, very suddenly. He was an able, upright man. He md., second wife, Nov. 23, 1826, Lucy Perkins, who d. Aug. 8, 1853.
72. David Low, b. Oct. 21, 1797; md. Sarah Low, of Essex, Mass. He d. Jan. 12, 1866; his wife d. Nov. 23, 1865.
73. George Washington, b. Jan. 22, 1800; md. Mary Low, of Essex, Mass. He was a teacher many years.
74. 1. Mary Elizabeth, b. Feb. 3, 1830; md. Daniel F. Wyman, b. in this town Nov. 29, 1826; merchant; many years collector and supervisor; she d. Sept. 1, 1879.
75. 2. Sarah Perkins, b. Oct. 26, 1833; md. Obed Dow, of Weare.
76. 3. Ellen Maria, b. April 28, 1837; md. Franklin Goss, of this town; d. Aug. 3, 1863.
77. 4. George Champion, b. April 28, 1837; d. Aug. 21, 1838. He md., second wife, Mary L. Wadsworth, Oct. 26, 1870.
78. Daniel, b. July 14, 1802; md. Abigail P. Marshall, of Essex, Mass., Feb. 21, 1832. They had two children. His wife d. Nov. 5, 1855; md., second wife, Rebecca Brackett, of Exeter, Sept. 3, 1856; he d. June 3, 1877; she d. July 2, 1877.
79. 1. Austin Irving, b. May 23, 1833; md. Maria Connor; removed to Minnesota, where they still reside; have two children.
80. 2. Eunice Low, b. Oct. 21, 1836; d. Sept. 26, 1855.
81. Jonathan Low, b. July 23, 1807; d. March 25, 1816.
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82. Capt. Jonathan Cogswell, son of Benjamin, son of Dea. Jonathan Cogswell, was b. in Essex, Mass., April 2, 1798; md. Susan, dau. of Solomon and Lucy Choate, of Essex, Mass., Jan. 17, 1820; moved to this town

the same year, and settled upon the farm where his son Washington C. now resides. He has always pursued the avocation of a farmer; was captain of one of the militia companies. He is enjoying, with his estimable wife, happy years in his old age.

83. Washington Choate, b. Feb. 21, 1822; was lieutenant-colonel of the 40th Regt. state militia; held other military positions; carpenter and painter; md. Mary H. Clement, of Hillsborough. His wife d. Feb. 24, 1859; md., second wife, Maria Colby, of Bradford.
84. 1. Frederic, b. Nov. 15, 1855; d. May 8, 1873.
85. 2. Eddie N., b. Nov. 15, 1864.
86. 3. Minnie b. April 24, 1866.
87. Handel C., b. April 1, 1824; d. Jan. 26, 1833.
88. Sarah, b. March, 1826; md. Josiah Morse.
89. Henry M., b. Oct. 21, 1828; d. Oct. 2, 1832.
90. Susan Choate, b. Oct. 26, 1835; md. George Moulton, of Hopkinton, Sept. 29, 1859; removed to Winnebago city, Minn., where they still reside.
91. Lucy Mary, b. Aug. 3, 1838; md. Gawn Wilkins; d. Oct. 2, 1879.
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COLBY.

1. Isaac Colby was early in Amesbury, Mass.
2. John. 3. Eliphalet.+ 4. Isaac.+
5. Nehemiah; lived and d. in Hopkinton.
6. Richard.+ 7. Elizabeth.
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- (3). Eliphalet Colby came to this town before the Revolutionary war, and settled in the north-east part of the town. His three sons,—Eliphalet, Nicholas, and Levi,—came with him, or soon afterwards, and settled. Eliphalet settled a few rods east of where Mrs. S. B. Heath now resides; Nicholas about twenty rods north of where W. D. Harwood lives; and Levi in the north-west part of the town, a few rods east of where Samuel Patten resides.

8. Eliphalet, b. 1753; d. Feb. 22, 1824.+
9. Nicholas, b. 1755; d. March 30, 1836.+

10. Levi, b. 1857; d. Nov. 10, 1827.†
 11. Polly, b. 1762; md. Henry Blake; resided in Peacham, Vermont.
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(4) Isaac Colby had,—

12. David, b. Oct. 15, 1759.†
 13. Isaac, b. —; settled in Bradford.
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(6) Richard Colby had,—

14. Isaac. 15. Patty.
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(8) Eliphalet Colby, md. Aphia Flanders, who d. July 23, 1842. Children b. in Henniker.

16. Sarah, b. Jan. 10, 1774; d. March 14, 1776.
 17. Rebecca, b. Feb. 2, 1777.
 18. Eliphalet, b. May 23, 1779.†
 19. Benjamin, b. Oct. 20, 1782; d. Aug. 27, 1837.†
 20. Oliver, b. Aug. 5, 1784. 21. Lusanna, b. Jan. 29, 1789.
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(9) Nicholas Colby, md. Louis —. Children b. in this town.

22. Molly, b. Aug. 10, 1777. 23. Louis, b. Dec. 13, 1779.
 24. Nicholas, b. April 9, 1785; d. in Michigan, 1874.
 25. Ruth, b. Dec. 15, 1787; md. Stephen Howe, of Newport.
 26. Jerusha, b. Oct. 25, 1790; md. Abel Howe.
 27. Oliver, b. June 10, 1793; settled near Contoocookville; d. in Illinois in 1852.
 28. Joshua, b. Dec. 4, 1795.†
 29. Levi, b. Jan. 30, 1800.†
 30. Joel, b. Aug. 15, 1802; d. in Illinois, 1874.
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(10) Levi Colby, md. Catherine Smith, of Grantham. He starved himself to death, through fear of coming to want. His wife d. March 8, 1838.

31. Moses, b. Aug. 28, 1779.†
 32. Levi, b. April 7, 1781.†
 33. Sarah, b. Dec. 1, 1783; md. Solomon Newton.
 34. James, b. Aug. 14, 1786.†
 35. Silas, b. Aug. 11, 1788.†
 36. Betsey, b. April 5, 1791; md. Silas Rice.
 37. Patty, b. July 15, 1795; md. Noah Farrar.
 38. Catharine, b. Oct. 10, 1801; md. Levi Colby, of Newport, son of Richard, of Hopkinton.

- (12.) David Colby, was a soldier in the Revolution—at the skirmish at Lexington, battle of Bunker Hill, and one of a scouting party driven from Concord, Mass. He came to this town and purchased a portion of the farm now occupied by Eri Colby, of his father, Isaac, where he resided until his death. He married Mary Quimby, November, 1785, who d. Nov. 15, 1847. He d. Jan. 3, 1826.
39. Hannah, b. Aug. 21, 1785; md. Paul Davis, Washington; d. Feb. 16, 1867, in Hillsborough.
40. Jonathan, b. Jan. 16, 1787.†
41. Mary, b. Dec. 23, 1792; unmd. Became insane from taking care of her mother in her last illness. Was carried to the asylum at Concord, where she d. Nov. 16, 1847; was brought home, and she and her mother were both buried at the same time and in the same grave.
42. David, b. Aug. 5, 1795.†
43. Achsah, b. Aug. 15, 1799; md. Daniel Cheney, Bradford; d. March 6, 1864.
44. Lucy, b. March 19, 1805; md. Samuel Gammel; d. Oct. 16, 1839.
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(18.) Eliphalet Colby, md. Lydia W. Heath, and resided on the homestead. He d. July 23, 1855. His wife d.

45. Lydia B., b. July 13, 1804; md. Levi Colby.
46. John L., b. March 18, 1806.†
47. Sylvia, b. July 6, 1809; md. John Sanborn.
48. Oliver, b. June 9, 1811; md. Rachel Clough; d. Dec. 15, 1862.
48. Joshua H., b. Oct. 16, 1813; md. Avaline Rice; d. July 28, 1866.
50. Joseph B., b. Feb. 25, 1819; md. Sarah Peters; d. July 19, 1860.
51. Willard, b. April 12, 1823; md. Mary J. Ray.
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(19.) Benjamin Colby, md. Hannah Rowell.

52. Daniel. 53. Samuel. 54. Aphia. 55. Clarissa.
56. Charles M.

(29.) Levi Colby, md. Lydia B. Colby, of this town; resided in Henniker until within a few years; now resides in Tiskilwa, Ill.

57. Frances, b. Oct. 22, 1826; md. Julia A. M. Morgan.

58. i. Morris and Alma, b. —.

(31.) Moses Colby, md. Betsey Wilkins, and settled in the north-west part of this town, on the place easterly from the school-house in District No. 9, where he resided until 1830, when he removed to Bradford. He d. July 12, 1865. Children all b. in this town.

59. Lucy, b. March 12, 1803; md. G. B. Gay; d. April 9, 1872.

60. Moses, b. Aug. 14, 1804.†

61. Robert, b. Feb. 22, 1806.†

62. Matilda, b. May 16, 1808; unmd.

63. Eliza, b. Dec. 8, 1809; md. Jesse Clement; d. Feb. 8, 1848.

64. Cyrus, b. Oct. 16, 1811. 65. Levi, b. Oct. 19, 1813.

66. Harriet, b. April 24, 1815; md. Israel Andrews.

67. Fanny, b. July 25, 1817; md. Albert Abbott.

68. Asenath, b. April 13, 1819; md. Henry Foster, Warner

69. Sarah, b. Dec. 30, 1820; md. Geo. Farnum, Alfred, Me.

70. Rebecca, b. May 6, 1825; md. O. E. Ring, Bradford; d. Sept. 11, 1859.

71. Prescott, b. Aug. 25, 1826.†

(32.) Levi Colby, md. Betsey Clark; settled and cleared the place known as the "Levi Colby farm," in school district No. 9. He d. June 27, 1869; his wife d. Sept. 20, 1863.

72. Sally, b. Dec. 31, 1805; d. June 1, 1821.

73. Jonas, b. Dec. 20, 1806; remained at home until 18 years old, laboring upon the farm, and attending the district school during the winters. He left the farm to devote his time to study, and graduated from the Medical department of Dartmouth college in 1829. He immediately began the practice of medicine and surgery in Bradford, where he remained until 1832, when he emigrated to Ohio in October of that year, and located in Defiance, remaining there until his

death. He encountered all manner of hardships and difficulties, being the only practising physician within fifty miles of Defiance for several years. In 1837 he married Almira Hull, of Maumee City, who was the first white child born in the Maumee valley. The same year he was appointed postmaster, serving during the administration of Martin Van Buren. At the time he located at Defiance the country was new, and inhabited mainly by Indians, who contributed largely to the trade of the town until 1839, when they emigrated to the Indian Territory (now Kansas), Dr. Colby accompanying them as physician and surgeon; he had charge of 500 of them for five months. During the same year (1839) he was appointed associate judge for Williams county, in which office he served five years. During the late civil war he was chairman of a military committee; examining surgeon; army surgeon for three years, with the rank of major; subsequent to the war he was examining surgeon for pensions. He was a bold, successful physician, rarely losing a patient, and became very noted as a surgeon. He left to his family the legacy of having been strictly honest and honorable in all his business affairs. He died very suddenly of apoplexy, Sunday morning, May 28, 1876. He was the oldest resident of Defiance at the time of his death, having lived there 44 years. He left a wife and five children,—two sons and three daughters. Sons' names: Ferris and Willis. One daughter md. Charles Kahlo, of Logansport; one md. D. S. Alexander, of Indianapolis, and one unmd.

74. Baruch, b. Feb. 1, 1808. †
 75. Mary, b. Feb. 9, 1813; md. Erastus Taylor.
 76. Catharine, b. Jan. 20, 1816; md. John Crowell.
 77. Benjamin, b. June 15, 1817. †
 78. Levi, b. June 15, 1817; became a physician, and settled in Defiance, Ohio; md. Harriet Phelps.
 79. Lucinda, b. Sept. 21, 1822; md. C. W. Conn, Hillsborough.
 80. Abigail, b. Sept. 16, 1824; md. G. W. Rice.

(33.) Joshua Colby, md. Rhoda Currier; was a preacher and farmer; resided in Claremont, where he d.

81. Horace. 82. Henry. 83. Hubbard. 84. Harlow.
 85. Joshua. 86. Mary Ann. 87. Rhoda.

- (34.) James Colby, md. Betsey Newton, of this town, and settled with his father where Samuel Patten resides. He d. Feb. 26, 1860; his wife d. March 27, 1855.
88. Nahum N., b. Oct. 28, 1811. +
 89. Lewis, b. Aug. 8, 1817. +
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- (35.) Silas Colby, md. first wife, Hannah Farrar, who d. Aug. 5, 1844, and he md. second wife, Emily Farrar, sister of Hannah. He resided in the west part of the town the larger part of his life, and then settled in the village, where Mrs. Hale lives. He d. Dec. 16, 1858.
90. Eri, b. Oct. 21, 1814. +
 91. Mary, b. July 25, 1816; md. Alanson Wood.
 92. Isaac F., b. Nov. 2, 1818. +
 93. Hannah S., b. Aug. 17, 1820.
 94. Silas N., b. Jan. 12, 1823; d. Feb. 10, 1832.
 95. Sarah F., b. Feb. 18, 1825; md. Joseph Hill, of Keene; d. Feb. 14, 1859.
 96. Emily R., b. Aug. 15, 1827; d. Feb. 20, 1832.
 97. Martha J., b. July 27, 1827; md. Charles Snow.
 98. Caroline M., b. Aug. 7, 1832.
 99. Sylvia L., b. Sept. 1, 1836.
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- (40.) Jonathan Colby, md. Elizabeth Quimby, and lived where Eri Colby now resides, until 1850, when he moved to Hillsborough. He d. Nov. 16, 1867; his wife d. July 20, 1858.
100. Lydia, b. April 14, 1814; md. Nicholas Robbins, of Hillsborough.
 101. Ira, b. May 20, 1817; d. March, 1819.
 102. Hiram, b. April 8, 1820.
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- (42.) David Colby, md. Polly Batchelder, of Hillsborough. He d. March 21, 1847; his wife d. Jan. 30, 1851.
103. Harvey, b. July 20, 1825. 104. Silas, b. July 15, 1827.
 105. Edwin, b. Feb. 15, 1830; d. Feb. 25, 1832.
 106. Kimball, b. Oct. 25, 1831. 107. Martin, b. Mar. 5, 1835.

- (46.) John L. Colby, md. Sarah Colby, of Warner. He d. Sept. 23, 1858; his wife d. —.
108. Lydia. 109. Caroline.
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- (60.) Moses Colby, md. Emeline Savage; lived with his father in school district No. 9, where all his children were born. He d. June 4, 1876.
110. Emeline M., b. Dec. 30, 1830; md. O. E. Ring; d. Aug. 25, 1860.
111. Harrison, b. April 6, 1832; d. May 5, 1833.
112. Moses H., b. May 11, 1833. +
113. Caroline M., b. June 8, 1835; md. Geo. H. Farrar.
114. Harriet E., b. Jan. 25, 1841; md. O. E. Ring.
115. James M., b. Aug. 7, 1845. +
116. Frederick H., b. Oct. 16, 1848; md. Elvira Glover.
117. Eddie W., b. Aug. 30, 1851; d. Oct. 12, 1855.
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- (61.) Robert Colby, md. Lucy Carter, of Hillsborough; lives in Bradford.
118. Richard, b. May 29, 1832.
119. Rosannah, b. May 30, 1835; md. E. W. Rice.
120. Abi, b. Nov. 9, 1837; md. L. B. Davis.
121. James, b. Aug. 27, 1839.
122. Robert C., b. Aug. 20, 1841.
123. Lizzie, b. July 2, 1844; md. H. Presby.
124. John, b. April 24, 1846.
125. Eliza, b. March 29, 1848; md. H. Davis.
126. Melvina, b. May 15, 1850. 127. Tyressa, b. Feb. 19, 1852.
128. Ernest A., b. March 19, 1854.
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- (71.) Prescott Colby, md. Helen M. Hawkes.
129. Fannie E., b. July 5, 1856; d. Aug. 15, 1858.
130. Emma B., b. May 4, 1859.
131. Jesse P., b. July 27, 1863. 132. Flora M., b. July 8, 1865.
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- (74.) Baruch Colby, md. Almary Wadsworth, Dec. 1, 1834.
133. Henry C., b. Sept. 27, 1842; d. Aug. 24, 1864.
134. Franklin E., b. Feb. 25, 1847; md., Jan. 3, 1868, Ellen M. Savage.
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- (77.) Benjamin Colby, md. Martha Childs, Sept. 20, 1838.

135. Julia L., b. Dec. 5, 1859; md. S. G. Blanchard; d. June 20, 1866.
 136. Franklin E., b. March 31, 1842; d. Sept. 17, 1843.
 137. Alma E., b. Jan. 28, 1845; md. John Gerry.
 138. Enoch L. C., b. Jan. 15, 1854; md. Nellie Gove, July 11, 1877; teacher of music; farmer.
 139. 1. Carrie A., b. Oct. 23, 1878.
 140. 2. Gracie M., b. Oct. 11, 1879.

- (88.) Nahum N. Colby, md., first wife, Oct. 9, 1834, Delia Newton, of Henniker, who d. March 21, 1860; he md., second wife, Sept. 18, 1860, Sarah E. Weeks.

Children by first wife.

141. William A., b. Aug. 8, 1835.†
 142. Thomas E., b. March 14, 1838.†
 143. James, b. Feb. 13, 1849.
 144. Sarah E., b. Feb. 26, 1853; md. Frank Chandler.

By second wife.

145. Delia N., b. Aug. 13, 1861.

- (89.) Lewis Colby, md. Mercy Newton.

146. Letitia A., b. Jan. 17, 1844.
 147. George D., b. May 14, 1845.

- (90.) Eri Colby, md. Mehitable M. Harriman; several times selectman.

148. Freeman E., b. Jan. 3, 1840.†
 149. Lyman, b. June 21, 1841; d. Aug. 17, 1846.
 150. Newton G., b. Feb. 27, 1843.†
 151. Allen, b. April 16, 1847; d. June 16, 1847.
 152. Ellen M., b. July 5, 1849; md. C. M. Heath.
 153. Emma M., b. April 19, 1853; md. Albert W. Sumner.
 154. Jennie E., b. Nov. 9, 1858; d. Nov. 17, 1858.

- (92.) Isaac Colby, md. Margaret Biscoe, March 5, 1840.

155. Hannah A., b. Oct. 5, 1841.
 156. John H., b. Oct. 4, 1842.
 157. Ann Eliza, b. Dec. 25, 1843.
 158. Mary C., b. Aug. 8, 1845.

159. Sarah E., b. Aug. 1, 1848.
 160. James E., b. Oct. 6, 1850.
 161. George B., b. June 22, 1852.
 162. Martha M., b. Sept. 9, 1853.
 163. Howard M., b. Dec. 16, 1858.
 164. Nahum O., b. July 29, 1859.
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(112.) Moses H. Colby, md., Nov. 22, 1856, Betsey J. Adams,
 of Sutton. He d. July 1, 1870.

165. Charles F.

(115.) James M. Colby, md. Ella Eaton, of Bradford.

166. Annie E., b. June 15, 1869.

(141.) William A. Colby, md., Dec. 20, 1864, Maria Severance.

167. Guy F., b. July 5, 1875; d. Dec. 1, 1878.

168. Flora Belle, b. Oct. 3, 1879.

(142.) Thomas E. Colby, md. Sarah J. Tuttle, Stoddard.

169. Everett N., b. March 11, 1870.

170. Mabel A., b. June 8, 1872.

(148.) Freeman E. Colby, md. Margaret Clement, of Warren; soldier in the 39th Mass. Reg't; several times selectman; has held many positions of honor and trust; teacher many years.

171. Almon B., b. Nov. 13, 1867.

172. Scott, b. June 22, 1869.

173. Alice L., b. April 3, 1875; d. Feb. 26, 1876.

174. Roscoe E., b. April 25, 1878.

(150.) Newton G. Colby, md. Carrie Johnson, Pepperell, Mass.; was a soldier in the 39th Mass. Reg't.

175. Carrie Bell, b. March 5, 1871.

176. Eva M., b. Dec. 3, 1879.

177. Dea. Nehemiah Colby, son of Isaac and Mehitable Colby, md., May 3, 1838, Abigail Smith, of Bradford, who was b. July 27, 1815; d. in this town June 14, 1864.
178. Ellen Maria, b. July 12, 1840; md. W. C. Cogswell.
179. Sarah M., b. April 1, 1842; md., June 5, 1866, Dr. P. G. Wheeler, a physician here at one time; resides at Alton. She d. Jan. 29, 1875.
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180. Daniel Colby, descendant of Isaac, lived in this town, where Mrs. Wallace Dow resides. Had several children. But little record.
181. Polly, md. Peter Howe, 1825.
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182. John Colby, has resided a large number of years in the south part of the town. No record of his family.
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CONNELLY.

1. John Connelly was b. in 1814, and his wife in 1822,—both in the county of Waterford, Ireland; came to this country in 1848, and to this town March 5, 1849. Children all b. here save the eldest.
2. Ellen, b. Nov. 1, 1847. 3. Thomas, b. Jan. 7, 1851.
4. Mary, b. July 10, 1852. 5. Annie, b. Feb. 22, 1854.
6. William, b. April 17, 1856.
7. Bridget, b. July 5, 1858. 8. Joanna, b. Dec. 5, 1859.
9. John, b. Mar. 22, 1862. 10. Catharine, b. June 5, 1865.
11. Edward, b. Oct. 14, 1867.
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CONNOR.

One branch of the family by this name that settled in this town descended from Capt. Jonathan Connor,¹ who was in Exeter early in the last century. He was commander of a scouting company during the French and Indian wars. Thursday, Dec. 4, 1746, the House of Representatives, then in session at Portsmouth, passed the following vote:

“Voted that there be allow’d Eight Pounds eleven shills & three Pence in full to Jonathan Connor & fourteen men under his command scouting at Nottingham ten days from y^e 7th Aug^t

last to be p^d out of y^e money in y^e Treasury for Defence of y^e Government.”

2. John Thing Connor, son of Capt. Jonathan Connor, was b. in Exeter, July 16, 1745; md. Susanna Kimball, of Exeter; resided in Hopkinton a short time; came to this town and settled where his grandson, A. D. L. F. Connor, now resides. He was a soldier in the Revolution, and the powder-horn used by him is in the possession of his grandson, John K. Connor; upon a post in his old barn many a couple were “posted” previous to their marriage. He d. June 20, 1808; his wife d. Sept. 13, 1822. The following is a copy of his discharge:

.. Corp^l Jn^o thing Connor, Soldier of the first N. Hampshire Reg^t formerly an Inhabitant of Hopkinton County of Hillsborough, and state of N. Hampshire having honourably and faithfully served Three years in the service of the united states, being the term of his Inlistment is hereby discharged from the army and is permitted to return to the State of N. Hampshire.
Jo^s Cilley, Col^o

.. To whom it may Concern—

.. Camp Danbury, April 5th 1780.”

3. Mehitable, b April 13, 1770.
4. George, b. Aug. 9, 1773. + 5. Anna, b. July 9, 1775.
6. John, b. Sept. 28, 1779. + 7. Abel, b. Nov. 23, 1782. +

- (4.) Dea. George Connor, md. Hannah, dau. of David and Sarah Campbell, of this town; resided a while in Bradford, but spent most of his long life in this town, in the black house on the plain easterly from the village; was a carpenter and farmer; one of the deacons of the Congregational church from July 16, 1817, until Jan. 23, 1830; was an industrious, hard-working man. His wife was a pattern of her mother: she was tall and erect, and a fearless rider upon horseback, having often accomplished the feat of standing upright upon the horse when running at full speed. He d. May 11, 1867; his wife d. June 11, 1869.

7. Polly, b. Nov. 13, 1795; md. Nathaniel Knowlton, of Hopkinton.
8. Levi, b. May 1, 1797; md., first wife, Polly Colby, of Bradford; md., second wife, Philinda Whitney, of Cabot, Vt., who d. Nov. 20, 1860. He d. suddenly, Sept. 21, 1878.
 9. 1. George F., d. in Albany, N. Y.
10. Achsah, b. Jan. 4, 1797; md. Annas Goss.
11. Mehitable, b. Sept. 21, 1801; md. Heman Patterson.
12. David C., b. Oct. 7, 1805; was one of the first musicians of the state; md. Jerusha —, and resided here until 1863, when he removed to Minnesota, where he and his wife both died.
 13. 1. Sarah W., b. Oct. 28, 1833; md. Frank Goss; resides in Minnesota.
 14. 2. Maria, b. Oct. 24, 1835; d. Nov 17, 1836.
 15. 3. Maria, b. May 4, 1838; md. Austin I. Cogswell, of Minnesota.
 16. 4. Helen, b. April 1, 1842; md. James Tallant, of Concord.
 17. 5. Peter R., b. Sept. 17, 1843; d. Feb. 12, 1878, at Alameda, Cal.
 18. 6. Frank T., b. May 21, 1845; resides in Minnesota.
19. Caroline, b. Nov. 13, 1809; d. Sept. 12, 1811.
20. Caroline, b. March 4, 1813; md. Thomas Carr.
21. Hannah E., b. Aug. 4, 1823; md. James B. Gove.

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- (6.) John Connor, md. Molly, dau. of Alexander and Lois Whitney, of this town, in 1799; resided a number of years near where his grandson, John C. Ray, lives; was known as "Master John Connor;" was one of the most celebrated teachers of vocal music of his day, teaching singing-schools in all the towns far and near; was the first to introduce stringed instruments into a choir and in public processions. [See Music.] He d. March 8, 1862; his wife d. Dec. 15, 1858.
22. Sophronia, b. Jan. 4, 1800; md. Paul Ray.
 23. Susanna, b. June 22, 1802; md. A. K. Hoyt, of Troy, N. Y.
 24. Cynthia, b. Sept. 30, 1805; md. Ezra Eastman.
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- (7.) Abel Connor, md., first wife, April 26, 1808, Hannah, dau. of Alexander and Lois Whitney, of this town,

who d. Nov. 23, 1828; he md., second wife, Martha Greeley, of Hopkinton, who d. Nov. 10, 1831; he md., third wife, May 2, 1833, Mary L. Nichols, of Hopkinton, who is still living. Mr. Connor was many years collector of taxes, and often served upon important committees of the town; he was exact in his requirements, prompt in the discharge of every duty, upright in character, with his "word as good as his bond." He was one of the very first in this vicinity to carry the raising of grafted fruit to a success. This result, with his arguments, inspired others to a like diligence; and thus the foundations were laid for the many flourishing orchards with which the town abounds. He was foremost in every good word and work. He d. Oct. 20, 1854.

25. Hannah, b. Jan. 18, 1809; d. Feb. 9, 1809
26. John Thing, b. Dec. 9, 1809; d. June 20, 1816.
27. Liva, b. June 26, 1811; md. Solomon Heath, of Bow; four children.
28. Eliza, b. April 25, 1813; d. Sept. 18, 1838.
29. Alexander W., b. Feb. 6, 1815.†
30. Alvira, b. Jan. 8, 1817; md. John M. Foss, of Hopkinton; three children.
31. Eunice C., b. Nov. 25, 1818; md. E. P. Leach; resides in De Witt, Iowa; two children.
32. John K., b. June 6, 1820.†
33. Hannah C., b. March 11, 1822; md. P. C. Flanders, Hopkinton. Three children.
34. Abel D. L. F., b. April 16, 1824.†

(29.) Alexander W. Connor, md., March 25, 1845, Harriet Spofford, of Barnet, Vt.; has been superintendent of schools and one of the selectmen of the town; was a very successful teacher in this state, in New York, and in New Jersey, where he taught at one time.

35. Levi S., b. May 11, 1850; md., Dec. 27, 1876, Abba L. Taylor.
36. 1. Fred Taylor, b. Nov. 14, 1877.
37. 2. Alice May, b. Sept. 27, 1879.

38. Sarah E., b. Dec. 2, 1854; md. Ephraim Goss.
 39. John W., b. Jan. 20, 1857.
 40. Walter A., b. Aug. 6, 1863.
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(32.) John K. Connor, md., Feb. 29, 1851, Mary J., dau. of Enoch and Mary Darling, of this town.

41. George E., b. March 23, 1853; d. Sept. 24, 1853.
 42. Edna Frances, b. May 29, 1855; teacher.
 43. Herbert D., b. June 22, 1859.
 44. John W., b. Feb. 26, 1863; d. May 31, 1863.
 45. Charles C., b. Aug. 14, 1865; d. Aug. 14, 1865.
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(34.) Abel D. L. F. Connor, md., first wife, Oct. 25, 1855, Louisa, dau. of Jonas and Louisa Bacon, of this town, who d. June 27, 1859; he md., second wife, Oct. 21, 1860, Lucy S. Goodell, of Hillsborough; resides upon the homestead.

Child by first wife.

46. William B., b. March 27, 1859; d. Nov. 19, 1859.
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Another branch of the Connor family that settled in this town, also descended from Exeter.

47. David Connor.† 48. Moses Connor.†
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(47.) David Connor, md. Mary Durrell, of Hopkinton, and was the first settler in the north-east part of the town, as early as 1770-'71. Mention is made of him in "Early Settlers." His wife d. March 26, 1796. There is but little record of his family.

49. Joseph, b. —.†
 50. Asa, md., resided in Dorchester.
 51. Asa.† 52. Hannah, b. 1780; d. Sept. 26, 1854.†
 53. Ezekiel, b. March 29, 1784.†
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(48.) Moses Connor, md. Mary —, and settled in this town in 1775, from Hopkinton, as did his brother David. He first settled upon the place now owned by George Colby, in the east part of the town, but

afterwards exchanged farms with Moses Duston, who resided where A. W. Connor and son reside. He d. July 3, 1801; his wife d. March 22, 1817.

54. James, b. April 22, 1771.+
 55. Moses, b. Oct. 25, 1774.+ These two b. in Hopkinton.
 56. Samuel b. Oct. 16, 1777; d. March, 1782; b. in this town.
 57. Sarah, b. Feb. 28, 1780; md. Thomas Hastings, Hopkinton, December, 1804.
 58. David, b. March 26, 1783.+ 59. Mary, b. 1785.
 60. Eliza, b. 1788; md. Feb. 21, 1813, Jonas Hastings, Hopkinton.

(49.) Joseph Connor, md. Olive, dau. of Jacob Whitcomb, of Warner. There is but little record of this family.

61. Daughter, b. 1798; d. Feb., 1799.

(53.) Ezekiel Connor, md., Dec. 11, 1811, Catharine Farrington, and resided in the north-east part of the town. He d. March 27, 1872; his wife d. May 30, 1877.

62. Mary D., b. Dec. 3, 1812; md. Imri Whitcomb; d. Dec., 1853.
 63. William H. H., b. April 20, 1814.
 64. Horatio G., b. Dec. 11, 1816.+
 65. Albert S., b. Nov. 10, 1824.
 66. Ira C., b. Feb. 27, 1826.+
 67. Elizabeth, b. May 29, 1832; d. May 2, 1833.
 68. Daughter, d. young.

(54.) James Connor, md. Dorcas Clough, and settled where George E. Barnes resides; was engaged in farming and in milling; was a captain in the state militia; d. Nov. 11, 1858; his wife d. Dec. 23, 1833.

69. Sally, b. Aug. 21, 1797; md. Parrott Marsh.
 70. Abigail, b. Jan. 10, 1800; md. Stephen A. Clough; resided in Warner, then Illinois; d. St. Louis. Eight children.
 71. James, b. May 16, 1802.+
 72. Anna, b. July 10, 1804; md. I. P. Dodge.

73. William, b. June 15, 1806. +
 74. Uzziel, b. June 15, 1808; md., Nov. 17, 1840, Caroline E. Woods, of this town; d. Oct. 24, 1843.
 75. Napoleon B., b. July 18, 1810; md., Aug. 14, 1838, Mary L. Martin, Alexandria; resides in the West.
 76. Eliza, b. June 7, 1812; md. Eastman Putney; removed to St. Louis, Mo.
 77. Catharine, b. April 15, 1814; d. March 3, 1877; unmd.
 78. Charlotte, b. Jan. 1, 1816; d. Feb. 23, 1854.
 79. Arvilla A., b. May 20, 1820; md. Albert Bean.

(55.) Lieut. Moses Connor was a prominent man in the town for many years. There is but little record of his family. He d. Feb. 28, 1819.

80. James, b. May 16, 1802. + 81. Samuel, b. ——. +

(38.) David Connor, md., Nov. 17, 1808, Sally Hastings, of Hopkinton. He was familiarly known as "King David," and resided the most of his days in this town. He d. July 26, 1869.

82. Rebecca Ann, b. June 1, 1809
 83. Alkmena, b. April 25, 1811.
 84. Sarah Ann, b. March 4, 1817; md. in Surry.
 85. Augusta, b. ——.

(51.) Asa Connor, md., Feb. 15, 1828, Esther R., dau. of Ichabod and Phebe Farrington, of Claremont. He d. April 20, 1856.

86. Prudence S., b. April 18, 1830; md. E. R. Whitney, Newport.
 87. Ichabod F., b. Feb. 19, 1832; md., Dec. 23, 1856, Eliza T. Gordon, of Warner.
 88. 1. A. Armanda, b. Nov. 5, 1860.
 89. 2. Ella M., b. Jan. 18, 1864.
 90. 3. Frank A., b. April 19, 1867.
 91. Lavina C., b. May 11, 1834; md. Ira N. Colby; d. June 8, 1862.
 92. Lorenzo F., b. April 26, 1836. [See Roll of Honor.]
 93. Addie L., b. Jan. 18, 1838; md. W. H. Abbott, Fisherville.
 94. Lendall A., b. April 30, 1840; md. Harriet Scribner; clerk in Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., since 1866.

(63.) Horatio G. Connor, md. Frances M. Griffith, of Durham, Dec., 1850; resided in town until 1843; removed to Manchester and practised dentistry a few years; since then has been a druggist.

95. Martha A., b. Sept. 29, 1851.

96. Mary F., b. Feb. 7, 1854.

(65.) Ira C. Connor, md. first wife, Dec. 24, 1846, Mary E. Joslyn, who d. Aug. 12, 1854, and he md. second wife, July 29, 1855, Abbie H. Chase, of Hillsborough. He d. May 6, 1874.

Children by first wife.

97. James H., b. June 4, 1847; md. Georgiana S. Hill, of this town.

98. 1. Mary E., b. Feb. 16, 1872; d. Sept. 21, 1872.

99. Mary Addie, b. —; d. Aug. 12, 1854.

Children by second wife.

100. Lucy F., b. June 19, 1856; md. Mason Holmes; d. March 31, 1873.

101. Addie F., b. May 21, 1858.

102. Mary Ellen, b. Sept. 18, 1859; d. May 20, 1872.

103. Henry C., b. Oct. 29, 1862.

104. Lizzie M., b. Jan. 2, 1865.

(70.) James Connor, md., May 11, 1825, Lydia, dau. of John Kimball, of Hopkinton; moved to Hopkinton, 1833, where he d. Oct. 11, 1858.

105. Isaac K., b. April 12, 1826.

106. James M., b. Aug. 21, 1828; a prominent farmer of the state; resides in Hopkinton.

107. Lydia M., } b. Feb. 20, 1831; d. March 3, 1831.

108. Angeline, }

109. Harlow, b. Jan. 6, 1835.

110. Caroline E., b. March 4, 1840.

(72.) William Connor, md., first wife, Susan Hall, of Pembroke, who d. Oct. 3, 1833, and he md. second wife, — Coburn, of Dracut, Mass.

111. Timothy, b. May 5, 1832; md., Jan. 29, 1852, Mrs. William Bowman, first wife, who d. June 23, 1862, and he md. second wife. Carpenter by trade, and lives in Texas.
112. William Henry, b. Oct. 8, 1833; md., Nov. 13, 1867. Ella F. Baxter, of Griggsville, Ill., where he resides; carpenter by trade; engaged now in cattle and meat business.
113. 1. Lizzie Eaton, b. Jan. 20, 1869.
114. Harriet, b. —.

(80.) Samuel Connor, md. Sally Trumbull, of Boscawen; lived here a short time, then moved to Hill; record unknown.

COURSER.

1. Charles H. Courser, son of John and Keziah Courser, was b. in Boscawen, May 19, 1827; miller and carpenter; md., Nov. 9, 1848, Mary J. Blanchard; came to Henniker, April, 1856. Children b. here, except the two oldest.
2. Fitz H., March 20, 1850; miller; md., Dec. 30, 1876, Abbie H. Jones.
3. 1. Harrie F., b. March 24, 1877.
4. Evander A., b. March 19, 1856; railroad employé.
5. Helen F., b. Jan. 16, 1858.
6. Almon E., b. Jan. 17, 1860.
7. Charles E., b. Feb. 19, 1863.
8. Grace, b. July 16, 1869; d. Nov. 12, 1869.

COWDRY.

Charles T. Cowdry, son of Jacob and Hannah Cowdry, was b. Oct. 3, 1830, at Ashby, Mass.; followed the sea many years; mechanic; md., Nov. 29, 1855, Hannah J., dau. of Heman and Mehitable Patterson, of this town.

CRESSEY.

1. William Cressey, son of Richard Cressey, of Salem, Mass., was b. in Hopkinton, May 25, 1781, and came to this town early in the present century; was a carpenter and master-builder; md. Hannah, dau. of Oliver Noyes, Esq., Feb. 29, 1806; he d. July 31, 1860; his wife d. May 7, 1853. [Mention is made of him elsewhere.]
 2. William, 2d, b. April 2, 1809; d. April 8, 1809.
 3. Mary, b. Sept. 2, 1810; d. Aug. 6, 1824.
 4. Sally, b. Sept 5, 1812; unmd.
 5. William P., b. July 15, 1818; md. Susan Wallace; collector and deputy-sheriff many years; mechanic and farmer.
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6. Samuel Cressey, son of Joseph, of Newburyport, Mass., b. there Oct. 19, 1776; resided a short time in this town about 1800; md., Aug., 1800, Ruth Rice, dau. of Jacob; moved to Bromfield, Me.
 7. Ruth G., b. Aug. 23, 1801. Lives in Brownfield, Me.
 8. Curtis R., b. Sept. 25, 1804. " "
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CRAIG.

1. Joshua Craig, md. Elizabeth (Betsey), dau. of Lieut. John and Lucy Smith, of this town; his widow is still living.
2. Daniel, b. Jan. 10, 1810.
3. John S., b. Jan. 24, 1812; md. Mary, dau. of Jonathan Dow, and resided in this town most of his days, living for many years on the place now occupied by Mrs. Stevens; landlord of the National and of Craig's hotel; taught school in his younger days; represented the town in the legislature in 1845, 1847, and 1853; selectman several years; held many positions of honor and trust; he d. Oct. 20, 1877.
4. Thomas, b. —.

CURRIER.

1. Benjamin Currier, was here early in the settlement of the town, and resided in the south-west part of it. Nothing is known of the family, save this record.
 2. Samuel, b. Aug. 17, 1774. 3. Sarah, b. Aug. 18, 1776.
 4. Sargent, b. Aug. 30, 1778. 5. Susanna, b. July 2, 1780.
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6. Samuel C. Currier, came when a boy and remained here through life. He was b. Nov. 26, 1805; md., Dec. 27, 1825. Betsey, dau. of Oliver and Sally Whitcomb. He d. May 14, 1862; his wife d. Nov. 19, 1831.
 7. Mary C., b. April 22, 1826; d. Sept. 3, 1849.
 8. Eliza J., b. July 4, 1828; d. Oct. 24, 1829.
 9. Barnard W., b. Oct. 10, 1830; d. Oct. 9, 1843.
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10. Samuel M. Currier, son of William Currier, who was b. in Danville, in 1788, and md. Sally Haynes, of Northfield, was b. in Canterbury, Mar. 3, 1817; shoemaker and farmer; came to West Henniker April 1, 1854, as station-agent, which position he still holds; has been post-master since 1861.
 11. Edward H., b. Hopkinton, June 1, 1847; has resided in Manchester since May 17, 1867; has been one of the firm of Weeks & Currier, druggists, since March 3, 1871; studied medicine, and is in Dartmouth Medical college, with the intention of practising medicine. Md., Jan. 9, 1873, Emma F. Dunbar, of Manchester.
 12. 1. Jennie F., b. April 21, 1877.
 13. George F., b. in Hopkinton, May 11, 1850; md., Oct. 19, 1874, Addie M. Dodge; he is station- and express-agent and telegraph operator in this town.
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DARLING.

2. Maj. Timothy Darling, son of Benjamin Darling,¹ who was in Kingston in 1760, md. Minnie Chase, of Newburyport, Mass., and settled in Hopkinton, upon the

main road leading from that village to Concord. Residing there a short time, he came to Henniker as early as 1792, and lived where Mrs. Jonas Wallace now resides, engaging in the tanning and dressing of leather in the yard now owned by G. D. Gould. His family removed here with him. He d. Oct. 19, 1837.

Born in Hopkinton.

3. Joshua, b. June 13, 1775. + 4. Samuel, b. April 1, 1777.
 5. Benjamin, b. June 22, 1779. 6. Sally, b. June 11, 1781.
 7. Timothy, b. May 6, 1784. 8. Enoch, b. Aug. 20, 1786. +
 9. Nancy, b. June 9, 1789. 10. Isaac, b. Jan. 12, 1793.

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- (3). Joshua Darling graduated at the age of nineteen at Dartmouth college, class of 1794; md. Polly Proctor, of Hopkinton, Feb. 19, 1765; came to this town the same year, and went into business as a merchant, which he followed for many years, and during the same time became quite an extensive farmer. He represented the town in the legislature from 1803 to 1807, and was an influential member of the house; was state senator for this district in 1811, 1812, and was president of the senate the latter year, which position he filled with distinguished ability. He was appointed the first post-master of the town by President Madison in 1812, but being a state senator was ineligible for the position, and recommended for the place Mr. Isaac Rice, who held the office thirty years. In 1816 Mr. Darling was appointed judge of the circuit court for Hillsborough county, this town then being a part of that county; in 1820 he was appointed judge of the court of sessions, which position he held many years. He discharged the duties of a justice with impartiality, ability, and faithfulness: being careful in his decisions, they were rarely overruled by the higher courts. He was chosen W. M. of Blazing Star Lodge, F. & A. M., at Concord,

and in 1812, High Priest of Trinity Chapter, Concord, and in 1820, Most Worshipful Master of the Grand Lodge of the state of New Hampshire. Upon the second day of the session of the Grand Lodge at which he was chosen Grand Master, Rev. Thomas Beede delivered an eloquent discourse from Numbers xv: 38, 39:

“Speak to the children of Israel, and bid them that they make fringes upon the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribband of blue, and it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the Lord and do them; and that ye seek not after your own hearts and your own eyes.”

Judge Darling was a leading citizen of Henniker for many years, and was zealous in advancing the best interests of the town he had chosen for his home. He was a man of marked ability, and enjoyed the confidence of his fellow-citizens, both in town and state, to a remarkable degree. He had strong force of character, was energetic and prompt in the discharge of the various trusts committed to him, and throughout his busy life was widely known for his public spirit. In his home his hospitality knew no bounds. He became a member of the Congregational church Aug. 12, 1832, and after a residence in the town of nearly half a century, he died May 16, 1842. Rev. Dr. Bouton delivered his funeral discourse, from the first verse of the 12th Psalm. His wife d. June 13, 1831.

11. Maria, b. Dec. 25, 1795; md. James H. Ballard, of Hopkinton, March 30, 1817; one son (William) resides in Peoria, Ill. Md., second time, Rev. Jacob Scales.
12. Nancy, b. April 17, 1797; md. Jonas Wallace, Sept. 26, 1821.
13. Timothy, b. Dec. 24, 1798.†

14. Julia, b. Nov. 18, 1800; md. William Butler, of Boston, Aug. 9, 1821; d. April 4, 1837; four children,—Julia (md. J. C. Campbell), Mary E., William, Abbie M.
15. Jonathan P., b. April 21, 1802.†
16. Joshua H., b. May 5, 1804; d. Aug. 10, 1805.
17. Joshua H., b. Sept. 5, 1808.†
18. James M., b. April 2, 1810.†
19. Elizabeth, b. Jan. 5, 1812. She early determined upon pursuing the avocation of a teacher, and to that end attended several terms at the Young Ladies' Seminary, in Derry, and graduated with high rank as a scholar from Miss Grant's famous seminary for ladies, located at Ipswich, Mass. She became a member of the Congregational church at Henniker, Feb. 12, 1832; was md., May 5, 1835, to Rev. Henry Ballantine, of Marion, Ohio, who was a graduate of Princeton college, and also of Andover Theological Seminary; May 16, 1835, eleven days after her marriage, she sailed with her husband for India, to begin her life as a missionary. The bidding of kind friends farewell, leaving all the pleasures of a luxurious home, and casting her lot with him whom she had chosen for a life companion, upon that beautiful, sunny morning of her marriage, and leaving immediately for her future home, thousands of miles away, showed her to be adequate to the hardships of the life she was about to enter upon; and many a "God bless her!" followed her as she waved her friends a final adieu from the top of the coach that bore her away. The tearful eyes and the sobbing hearts of those who witnessed her departure told full well of the loving hearts that had entrenched themselves about her for her many rare virtues. Upon their arrival in India, they settled in Ahmednuggar, where they at once commenced their labors as missionaries. They remained at their post until 1852, when, in consequence of the declining health of Mr. Ballantine, they returned home; remained in this town and in Ohio two years, when they returned to India; labored at their former station and in Bombay until 1864, when, owing to the husband's illness, they, with one daughter, again started for home. Returning by the overland route, they tarried a few days at Alexandria, Egypt, for rest. Here Mrs. Ballantine was advised that it was not prudent to proceed; but, anxious to once more reach her native land, with her husband still alive, she immediately sailed for home, but he died shortly after leaving Alexandria, and was buried

at sea. With a sorrowful heart, but with a firm reliance upon Him "who careth for the afflicted," she continued her voyage, and again reached her home in safety, having been in the mission service nearly thirty years. Receiving from the mission board, under whose auspices she had labored so long and so faithfully, a certain sum of money yearly for her support, she settled in Amherst, Mass., to educate her younger children, where she died May 8, 1874. Mrs. Ballantine was a woman of rare attainments, and of excellent qualities of heart and mind, beloved by all who knew her. She was the mother of seven children, all born in India save one. Three of her daughters married missionaries, and settled in India near the scene of their mother's devoted labors.

20. John C., b. Oct. 12, 1814; d. Jan. 19, 1864.
 21. Mary, b. Sept. 13, 1817; md. Jonas Wallace, June 7, 1842.

(8.) Enoch Darling, md., Feb. 9, 1818, Mary, dau. of Lieut. John and Edna Proctor, of this town; represented the town in the legislature, with Moses Brown, in 1825, it being the first year the town had sent two representatives; was appointed clerk of the Court of Sessions in 1820; chairman of the board of selectmen in 1825; was first Master of Aurora Lodge, F. & A. Masons, in this town in 1825; he was a zealous Mason and an upright man. He admirably performed the duties of each station in life he was called to fill, and won the regard and esteem of his fellow-citizens in a high degree; his early death was universally lamented. He d. Oct. 25, 1828; his funeral, under the direction of the Masonic fraternity, was the largest assemblage of the kind that had ever been seen in the town up to that date. His wife d. July 19, 1876.

22. George A. P., b. in Bradford, Dec. 12, 1818; resided in Boston from 14 years of age; was engaged mostly in the hardware trade, and did a very extensive business. He md. Annie Delia Pray, of Boston, by whom he had three children; two d. in infancy. He d. May, 1878.

23. 1. Annie, b. Dec. 10, 1860.
 24. Charles P. H., b. June 15, 1820, at Henniker. Always resided in this town, farming, and teaching school here and elsewhere, until 1870, when he removed to Newton, Mass., where he still resides. He md., June 2, 1846. Minerva H., dau. of John and Sarah Campbell, of this town.
 25. 1. Henry M., b. Nov. 5, 1847.
 26. 2. Charles P., b. Jan. 28, 1853.
 27. Mary Jemima, b. May 2, 1824; md. John K. Connor.
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(13.) Timothy Darling, graduated at Harvard in 1822; studied law in Boston, and practised in Hillsborough and Loudon, this state, in Richmond, Va., and in Ypsilanti, Mich., and while there was clerk of the House of Representatives of Michigan one term; studied theology at Gilmanton, and spent the rest of his life in preaching in various places in Western New York. He married —.

(15.) Jonathan P. Darling, md. Susan, dau. of James and Susan Wallace, of Henniker, May 13, 1826. He traded here several years, and was a merchant at Warsaw, Buffalo, and Le Roy, N. Y., where he d. Jan. 21, 1870.

28. Infant, b. April 21, 1827; d. April 21, 1827.
 29. Henry b. June 4, 1828; d. same day.
 30. Susan Maria, b. May 2, 1830; d. Dec. 14, 1841.
 31. Mary, b. La Grange, May 15, 1832; d. Aug. 28, 1850.
 32. Jane Wallace, b. at Buffalo, Feb. 13, 1835.
 33. Henry, b. at Le Roy, July 19, 1837; d. Dec. 11, 1841.
 34. George, b. May 28, 1839; d. June 6, 1840.
 35. Maria, b. April 25, 1844; d. May 15, 1844.
 36. Grace, b. Aug. 19, 1845; d. May 11, 1861.
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(16.) Joshua Harrison Darling, md., for his first wife, Feb. 23, 1832, Lucretia, dau. of John Frank, of Granville, N. Y., who d. Dec. 17, 1844, when he md., for his second wife, June 19, 1845, Laura E., dau. of Rev

Mr. Walker, of Ontario county, N. Y., who d. Jan. 1, 1862, when he md., for his third wife, 1863, Clara E., dau. of Hon. William Beebe, of Litchfield, Conn. At the age of 16, Mr. Darling engaged as a clerk in a store in this town, and soon after was a partner with his brother-in-law, Jonas Wallace. In 1830, when 22 years of age, he left home, and settled in Warsaw, N. Y., engaging in mercantile business, which business he followed almost continuously for upwards of twenty years. He acquired the reputation of an honest and upright man, and by close attention to business he prospered. He soon after established himself as a private banker, his bank being known as the Wyoming County Bank, which he managed with much success. In 1865 a National Bank was formed in Warsaw, of which he was president until his death. Mr. Darling was a very zealous friend of the cause of temperance, and of the anti-slavery cause; and was one of the founders of the Congregational church in Warsaw. He d. Jan. 1, 1862, greatly lamented by all who knew him.

Children of first wife.

37. Mary E., md. Henry B. Jenks, Warsaw.
 38. William H., d. at Amherst college, Dec. 5, 1853.
 39. John H., d. Jan. 24, 1846; was cashier for many years of Wyoming County Bank.
 40. Julia L., md. Dr. E. W. Jenks; d. April, 1866.
 41. James B., d. in infancy. 42. Emily W. 43. Frances S.

Children by second wife.

44. Margaret A. 45. Laura E., b. Jan. 21, 1849.
 46. Edward M., b. June 6, 1853.
 47. Grace, b. April 21, 1853.
 48. Kate, b. Oct. 10, 1857. 49. Alice, b. Dec. 27, 1858.
 50. Frederic W., b. Feb. 13, 1861.

(18) James Madison Darling, md., for his first and second wives, two sisters, Lucy and Cornelia Raymond, of

Perry, N. Y. He d. at Washington in 1872, where he had been serving as clerk in the Treasury Department of the government for several years.

51. Jane. 52. Charles, d. in the War of the Rebellion.
53. Helen.
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DAVIS.

1. Thomas M. Davis was the son of Jonathan Davis, of New Ipswich, where he was born Oct. 19, 1781, and came to this town about the commencement of the present century. He was a carpenter by trade, and lived where Mrs. N. J. Noyes resides. He md., Nov. 17, 1807, Phebe, dau. of Alexander and Lois Whitney. He d. July 3, 1834. His wife d. Nov. 22, 1871.
 2. Hiram M., b. May 12, 1807.+
 3. Lois, b. Oct. 24, 1809; April 19, 1830, md., first time, P. E. Hardy, of Hudson; second time, — Chase, of Hudson.
 4. Sarah, b. Feb. 8, 1811; d. Oct. 12, 1819.
 5. Melissa, b. Feb. 15, 1813; md. three times; third husband, C. V. N. Ballard, of California, where she now resides.
 6. Mary, b. May 6, 1815; md. John G. Proctor, and lives in Nashua.
 7. Esther L., b. May 6, 1817; md., Mar. 15, 1836, Alpheus Pollard.
 8. Thomas F., b. Dec., 1823; md.; resides in California.
 9. Solomon A., b. Nov. 28, 1829.+
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- (2.) Hiram M. Davis, md., April 16, 1833, Jane, dau. of Richard and Sally Whittier, of Warner; was for several years a trader in the store by the stone bridge; manufacturer of powder kegs and kits, and a clothier; was several years a deputy-sheriff and collector of taxes. He d. June 25, 1873; his widow is still living.
 10. George R., b. Jan. 13, 1834; killed by the bursting of a swivel, July 5, 1852.
 11. Sarah J., b. June 23, 1836; md. Lewis P. Hanson.

12. Julia Ann, b. Dec. 1, 1839; md. Gyrus Goodwin; d. March 18, 1878.
 13. Thomas M., b. June 26, 1842.
 14. Melissa M., b. April 3, 1845; md. H. A. P. Lewis.
 15. Hiram F., b. Feb. 15, 1849; killed by the accidental discharge of a gun.
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- (9.) Solomon A. Davis, md., Dec. 23, 1852, Dorothy A. Pollard, of Hudson; lived here until 1854, when he moved to Nashua and became a machinist; is master-mechanic of the Nashua & Lowell Railroad, in which employ he has been since July, 1854; was representative in the legislature two years.
16. Charles A., b. Jan. 20, 1854; d. Mar. 20, 1858.
 17. Arthur H., b. July 20, 1861. 18. Ira M., b. Oct. 1, 1866.
 The first born in this town; the others in Nashua.
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1. Thomas Davis, md. Dolly Dow, and came to this town in 1809, and lived where E. P. Flanders resides. He d. Nov. 19, 1863, at Huntington, Vt.; his wife d. at Lincoln, Vt., Dec. 22, 1847.

Born in Weare.

2. Levi M., b. Nov. 8, 1807. 3. John D., b. Feb. 20, 1809.
 Born in this town.
4. David D., b. Nov. 6, 1810. †
 5. Lydia, b. Oct. 6, 1811; d. Dec. 26, 1815.
 6. Mary, b. Oct. 24, 1812. 7. Thomas, b. May 8, 1816.
 8. Sarah D., b. Feb. 11, 1821.
 9. Eliza Ann, b. May 24, 1823; md. Joseph P. Dow.
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- (4.) David D. Davis, md. first wife, March 31, 1833, Sophronia, dau. of William and Elizabeth Bowman, who d. Sept. 29, 1873; md. second wife, Nov. 9, 1875, Anna B. Chandler. He has been a life-long resident of the town.
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10. Henry A. Davis, son of Gardner F. Davis, was b. in Bradford, Jan. 27, 1827; md. Rhoda R., dau. of Thomas Duston, of this town, in 1856

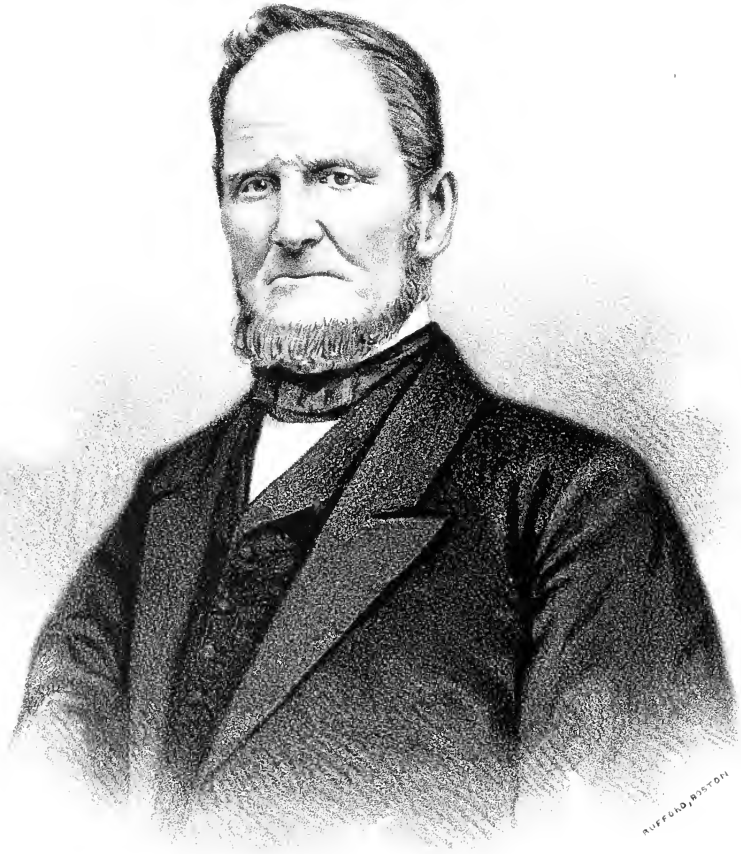
11. Hattie A., b. July 14, 1857.
 12. Gardner H., b. Feb. 25, 1859.
 13. Carrie A., b. Aug. 1, 1863.
 14. Arthur A., b. Nov. 18, 1866.
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1. Levi B. Davis, md. Abi Colby, of Bradford.
 2. Daughter, b. ——— 3. Levi B., b. June 16, 1861.
 4. Leander, b. Feb. 18, 1863. 5. Clara L., b. Sept. 6, 1870.
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1. Charles S. Davis, son of Zaccheus and Lucinda Davis, was b. in Warner, May 29, 1841; md., July, 1866, Jennie M. Davis; section-master; soldier in Co. D, 11th Reg.; com. second lieutenant, 1864; moved to Henniker in 1866.
 2. Willie A., b. May 25, 1871.
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DINSMORE.

1. Dr. William Dinsmore, son of John and Sarah Dinsmore, was b. in Goffstown; commenced practice in Warner, where he md. Hannah Harvey; came to this town about the year 1800, and built the house now owned by Mrs. Modica. He was considered one of the first physicians in the state, and had a large practice. His first wife d. of spotted fever, April 23, 1816, and he md., second wife, Dec. 18, 1816, Mrs. Susanna Wallace, widow of James. He d. April 29, 1820; she d. Jan. 11, 1856.
2. Robert, b. Nov. 3, 1808; d. April 24, 1816, of spotted fever.
3. Mary, b. March 20, 1811; d. Feb. 18, 1831.
4. William H., b. July 17, 1813; learned the trade of a printer in the office of Gov. Isaac Hill, at Concord; engaged in publishing a paper a while in Nashua, then in New York, and, in company with Paul Morrill, was for many years one of the proprietors of the *Sacramento Union*, published in Sacramento, Cal., where he at present resides; an energetic, honorable business man.



Carlton S. Dodge

5. Lydia Dinsmore, b. 1770 ; d. Sept. 19, 1862. A sister of Dr. William Dinsmore.

DODGE.

1. Ebenezer Dodge was born in Rowley, Mass., and md. March 27, 1751; his family resided in Newburyport, Mass., where his children were born. He was a seafaring man a large portion of his life, and was lost at sea in 1778. His wife d. Nov. 2, 1777.
2. Martha, b. Sept. 23, 1752; d. Feb. 20, 1772.
 3. Mary, b. Sept. 20, 1754. 4. Ebenezer, b. Oct. 30, 1756.
 5. Lydia, b. Jan. 2, 1759. 6. Mehitable, b. Nov. 11, 1760.
 7. Sarah, b. Oct. 12, 1762. 8. Phinehas, b. May 2, 1764.
 9. Hannah, b. March 16, 1766.
 10. Amos, b. Jan. 28, 1768; d. Oct. 18, 1775.
 11. Asa, b. Feb. 11, 1770. 12. Ephraim, b. July 12, 1772.+
 13. Martha, b. May 23, 1774; md. Dea. Woodbury, and lived in this town.
 14. Moses, b. Nov. 2, 1777.
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- (12.) Ephraim Dodge, md., 1797, Hannah, dau. of Jonathan and Hannah Symonds, of Topsfield, Mass., and came to Henniker in Feb., 1803, and settled where Carlton S. and his son now reside. He d. June 2, 1862; his wife d. July 8, 1848.
15. Asa, b. in Danvers, Mass., Sept. 28, 1798.+
 16. Israel P., b. in Danvers, Mass., Dec. 23, 1800.+
 17. Carlton S., b. Aug. 11, 1806.+
 18. Samuel H., b. Feb. 18, 1811; d. July 19, 1811.
 19. Helena, b. March 7, 1813; md. — Peabody, and lives in Topsfield, Mass.
 20. George W., b. April 15, 1816; d. Jan. 18, 1818.
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- (15.) Asa Dodge, md., Dec. 12, 1822, Anna, dau. of Elisha and Patty (Woods) Rice. His wife d. Oct. 11, 1841.
21. Ephraim, b. in Hopkinton, Jan. 16, 1826.+
 22. Augustine, b. —; d. in California, as is supposed.
 23. Joseph, b. —; settled in Raleigh, N. C.
 24. Elizabeth, b. Feb. 29, 1823; d. Feb. 6, 1839.

- (16.) Israel P. Dodge, md. for his first wife, Oct. 22, 1823, Anna, dau. of James and Dorcas Connor, who d. Sept. 14, 1843; and he md. for his second wife, Mrs. Judith G. Clark, of Henniker, June 11, 1844, who d. Dec., 1876.

Children by first wife.

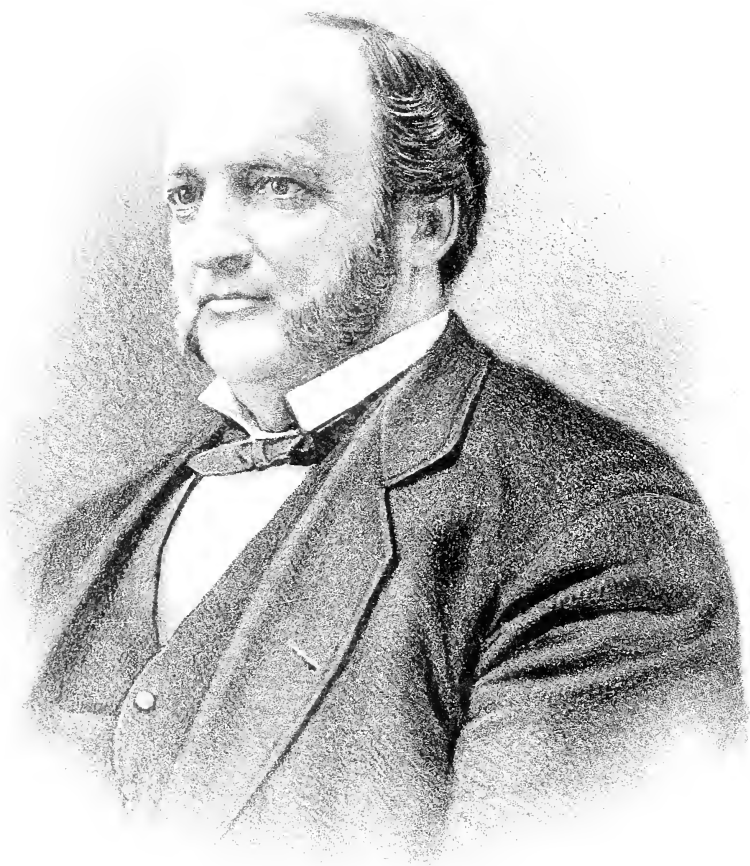
25. George W., b. Nov. 14, 1823; d. Feb. 17, 1825.
 26. LaFayette, b. Sept. 26, 1825; d. same day.
 27. Betsey S., b. Sept. 14, 1826; md. E. E. Lull, of East Weare.
 28. Helen A., b. Sept. 10, 1828; d. Oct. 12, 1843.
 29. George W., b. Aug. 8, 1830.†
 30. Gilbert P., b. Aug. 3, 1832.
 31. Lorenzo I., b. July 13, 1834.
 32. Ephraim J., b. Dec. 28, 1836; md. Samantha E. Clark, of Hopkinton.
 33. Harry C., b. May 28, 1839; md. Hattie M. Porter, of Newton, Mass.
 34. Edwin P., b. July 2, 1842; d. Sept. 25, 1843.

Children by second wife.

35. Henrietta A., b. May 18, 1845; md. C. Colburn, of South Weare.
 36. Renaldo R., b. Feb. 16, 1847; d. Jan. 8, 1874.
 37. Angelo P., b. Aug. 3, 1848; md. Willie D. —, of Nashua, and d. June 8, 1874, at South Weare.
 38. Edward G., b. May 5, 1850; md. Georgie Goodwin, of Maine.
 39. Alfaretta S., b. July 4, 1853; d. Feb. 16, 1872.

These children were all born in this town. For quite a number of years Mr. Dodge has resided in South Weare.

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- (17.) Carlton S. Dodge, md., Nov. 13, 1828, Delilah Stevens, of Manchester, and has always resided upon the old homestead; cooper by trade. He was one of the representatives of the town in the legislatures of 1860 and 1861, and one of the selectmen in 1852. A man of strict honor and integrity, and universally respected. He was one of the prominent members of the Baptist church. His wife d. Aug. 17, 1872.



G. M. Dodge

40. Boynton E., b. May 4, 1829.†
 41. Mary P., b. Sept. 30, 1831; md. John C. Ray.
 42. John W., b. Nov. 20, 1833.†
 43. Hannah J., b. July 21, 1835; md. Moses F. Pillsbury.
 44. Frank S., b. Feb. 28, 1837.†
 45. Harriet N., b. Oct. 9, 1838; md. Edwin C. Wadsworth.
 46. Lavina O., b. May 15, 1841; md. Gilbert G. Gordon.
 47. Adaline R., b. April 1, 1843; md. Albert C. Clark.
 48. Henry W., b. Jan. 22, 1845.†
 49. Truman R., b. May 3, 1847; resides on homestead;
 md.; one child.

(21.) Ephraim Dodge, md., first wife, Persis Cushing, who d. July 10, 1876, and he md., second wife, Dec. 24, 1877, Hannah J. (Dodge) Pillsbury; resides in Charlestown, Mass. Has been in the express and freighting business for many years.

50. Walter W., b. April 3, 1855.
 51. Persis A., b. Dec. 26, 1856.
 52. Ephraim L., b. Dec. 26, 1860.
 53. Sarah R., b. Aug. 5, 1866.

(29.) Capt. George W. Dodge, md., Feb. 5, 1856, Addie H. James, of Manchester; followed the sea eight years, whaling, a portion of the time as an officer of the ship Gay Head, New Bedford; afterwards shipped as first officer of the bark Superior, but was persuaded by his wife to remain at home, which he did, and engaged in the livery business at Manchester, and afterwards in the boot and shoe business, in which he is still engaged, and is one of the most substantial business men of the city. That he owes his life to his wife will be seen from the fate of the ship's crew with whom he enlisted.

MASSACRE OF AN AMERICAN CREW.

Reports have been received that the crew of the New Bedford whaling ship Superior have been massacred in a horrible manner by the natives of Treasury Island in the Salomon group near New South Wales. The Superior left New Bedford in June, 1857, and came to anchor on Treasury Island in September last, when she was attacked by the savages, and the captain,

with twenty-five of the crew, were cruelly massacred. The remaining six were taken prisoners. Subsequently three of them were released, by the efforts of Capt. Slater, of the English ship Ariel. When Capt. Woods was shipping his crew four years ago, Mr. George W. Dodge, of this city, now of the firm of James & Dodge, shipped as first officer in the bark Superior, and made arrangements with the expectation of going on the voyage. He had been two years with Capt. Woods, and knew him to be a noble man, of great energy of character and spotless reputation, and having a love for the sea, resolved to sail under his old captain and share his fortunes. But the friends of Mr. Dodge protested against the enterprise, and were so persistent in their opposition that an opportunity for business being presented here he abandoned the project, and reluctantly informed the captain that he could not accompany him. The result, then unforeseen, has caused no small degree of sadness in the heart of Mr. Dodge for the fate of his highly-respected commander, and unspeakable joy that he has escaped such a terrible death.

54. Charles S., b. Oct. 25, 1857.

55. Cora A., b. Nov. 5, 1859.

(40) Boynton Dodge, md., May 14, 1851, Eliza, dau. of William and Eliza Smith, and settled in Exira, Audubon county, Iowa, in 1856, where he still resides. They have had ten children.

56. Ella D., b. in this town, the rest in Iowa.

57. Arthur C. 58. Cappa M. 59. Ida E. 60. Evalena.

61. Carrie E. 62. Ellen F. 63. Bessie G.

(42.) John W. Dodge, removed to Iowa with his brother Boynton, and, like his brother, is one of the most successful farmers in the section of the state in which he resides. He md., May 5, 1860, Eliza Smith, of Cheshire, England. They have two children.

64. Carlton A. 65. Charlie E.

(44.) Frank S. Dodge, md., Dec. 31, 1864, Joanna, dau. of Hiram and Joanna Clark; assistant superintendent

Hillsborough county farm three years; train-master Concord Railroad one year; assistant superintendent Merrimack county farm from April, 1866, to October, same year, when he was appointed superintendent, which position he held until April, 1869, when he was appointed deputy sheriff and jailor for Merrimack county. He was temporary superintendent of the State Reform School, and in June, 1872, was appointed by Governor Straw sheriff of Merrimack county; removed in 1874, and in March, 1876, was elected register of deeds for Merrimack county, which office he resigned in August following, to accept an appointment by Gov. Cheney as sheriff of the county, and in November, 1878, was elected to the same position by the people for two years.

66. Vinnie D., b. Oct. 14, 1865.
 67. Etta M., b. Sept. 22, 1867.
 68. Idella A., b. April 11, 1870. 69. Ben C., b. May 9, 1873.
 70. Luella L., b. March 8, 1875.

John Dodge, md. Hannah, and resided in this town many years. The family has long been extinct in this town.

1. John, Jr., b. Feb. 26, 1798; d. May 3, 1810, and was the first person buried in the Centre burial-ground.
2. Hannah, b. Dec. 15, 1799. 3. Caroline, b. Sept. 8, 1801.
4. Sarah, b. Mar. 5, 1803. 5. Samuel, b. April 23, 1806.
6. Mary Ann, b. May 9, 1810.

1. John L. Dodge, son of William and Ruth Dodge, was b. in Sutton, July 12, 1815; md., Dec. 28, 1837, Mary A. Story. He was twenty-five years station- and express-agent here.
2. George D., b. Contoocook, April 24, 1839; d. May 24, 1843.
3. Harriet, b. in Cuttingsville, Vt., Dec. 17, 1843; md. Frank Thorpe; d. Jan. 1, 1874.
4. Addie, b. in Cuttingsville, Vt., Nov. 2, 1847; md. Geo. F. Currier, Oct. 19, 1874.

1. Jonathan W. Dodge,—son of Henry, son of Jonathan and Hannah Woodbury Dodge, who was b. in Beverly, Mass., Nov. 26, 1759,—was b. in Hopkinton, March 18, 1815; md. Elizabeth F. Weeks, of Webster, April 7, 1842. He resides in the south-east part of the town. He is connected with the Eaton family of Beverly, Mass., his great-grandfather upon his mother's side being John Eaton, born nearly or quite a century and a half ago; selectman.
 2. John B., b. March 3, 1848; md. Mary S. Morrill, of Fisherville, Oct. 18, 1869, where he resides.
 3. 1. Fred W., b. Oct. 5, 1873.
 4. George H., b. May 6, 1850; md. Abbie F. Straw, of Hopkinton, Nov. 14, 1874; superintending school committee several years.
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Mark Dodge, resided here several years, in a house that stood at the east end of the railroad bridge, in the south-east part of the town. The family went west several years since. Children born here.

1. Ira P., b. Jan. 3, 1842. 2. Maria P., b. Aug. 17, 1843.
 3. Sarah, b. Oct. 30, 1844; d. Sept. 25, 1848.
 4. Lydia Ann, b. Sept. 24, 1846.
 5. John Page, b. Aug. 9, 1850.
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DOW.

1. Jonathan Dow, son of David, settled in this town at the beginning of the present century; he md., Dec. 23, 1807, Sally Plummer, of this town.
 2. Squire, b. —, 1808.† 2. Jonathan, b. Dec. 5, 1814.†
 4. Joseph P., b. —.†
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- (2.) Squire Dow, md., Nov. 10, 1831, Cynthia Page, and always resided in town; he d. Feb. 25, 1879.

5. Melissa J., b. Feb. 19, 1832; md. — Flanders, of Hopkinton.
 6. Sophia P., b. Jan. 17, 1834; md., July 8, 1852, Robert Harriman.
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- (3.) Jonathan Dow, md., Sept. 29, 1836, Anna P. Peaslee, of Weare; always resided here. He d. Feb. 3, 1873.
7. Ann Maria, b. Dec. 6, 1838; md. John Garland.
 8. George W. S., b. March 9, 1841. +
 9. Jackson P., b. Feb. 17, 1845.
 10. John F., b. Aug. 11, 1852.
 11. Mary E., b. March 24, 1857.
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- (4.) Joseph P. Dow, m., April 18, 1841, Eliza Ann Davis.
12. Mary E., b. —, 1854; md. — Burnham; d. Feb. 28, 1873.
 13. Jennie S., b. —; md., July 22, 1875, Frank O. Moore.
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- (8.) George W. S. Dow, md., Nov. 9, 1862, Mary L., dau. of Nathan G. and Susan Hoyt, of this town; is a manufacturer of mackerel kits, which business he has successfully followed for many years; representative in the legislature in 1879-'80.
14. George H., b. March 5, 1865.
 15. William E., b. April 17, 1868.
 16. Charles H., b. Nov. 10, 1871.
 17. Orrin H., b. Aug. 19, 1873.
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- (9.) Jackson P. Dow, md., 1863, Hannah J., dau. of Nathan G. and Susan Hoyt, of this town.
18. Walter A., b. March 11, 1864.
 19. Edwin, b. Nov. 15, 1866. 20. Jonathan, b. 1871.
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DOLBY.

1. Israel Dolby came to town in the first of the present century; resided here awhile, then went to Salisbury.
2. Isaac D., b. May 5, 1811; resides at Hopkinton.
 3. Martha E., b. Feb. 4, 1813; d. Dec. 8, 1846.

4. Moses E., b. March 18, 1815.
 5. Joshua D., b. June 26, 1818. 6. Jane M., b. Apr. 26, 1819.
 7. John G., b. July 16, 1821. 8. Joseph S., b. Oct. 4, 1824.
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DOWLIN.

1. James Dowlin, son of Samuel and Fanny (Stevens) Dowlin, and grandson of Timothy, and great grandson of Timothy, who resided in Bradford, was b. in Bradford, Nov. 11, 1826. Resides in the south-west part of the town upon what is now known as the "Berry place." He md. Becky S. Smith, of Bradford, March 19, 1850. His wife d. Feb. 10, 1876.
 2. Sidney J., b. Jan. 23, 1851.
 3. Walter, b. March 30, 1853; d. Nov. 1, 1854.
 4. Willis, b. June 28, 1855; d. July 28, 1856.
 5. Samuel E., b. June 18, 1857.
 6. Infant dau., b. July 26, 1859; d. same day.
 7. Edna J., b. Sept. 11, 1860.
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DUNLAP.

William Dunlap md. Amelia F., dau. of Micah Howe, and after residing here many years, moved to Fitchburg, Mass., where he was killed by the bursting of a grindstone in the scythe manufactory. He had several children: Frederic, b. 1854; d. Aug. 15, 1856,—and others. His wife d. July 24, 1877.

DUSTON.

1. Thomas Duston, of Haverhill, Mass., who married Hannah, dau. of Michael and Hannah Webster Emerson, December, 1677, was the hero who, on the 15th day of March, 1697, when the Indians made the attack upon his house, mounted his horse, and placing his seven children before him, conveyed them to a place

of safety. His wife was the heroine who, on the night of March 30, 1697, twelve days after her capture, in company with Mary Neff and Samuel Leonardson, dispatched ten Indians, and released herself from captivity.

“ Tall spectres gaunt, whose garments drip with gore
From that infanticide the day before,
Mount strange convulsions: whence that fearful wail?
’T was Hannah Duston, waking for the trail.”

One of the children whom Mr. Duston defended while on horseback was Thomas,² b. Jan. 5, 1683; one of his sons was Thomas,³ whose son was Moses,⁴ who md. Marcy Flanders, and settled in this town as early as 1771, upon the place now owned by A. W. Connor. After a short residence here he exchanged farms with Samuel Morrison, and lived the remainder of his days where George Colby now resides. He was a powerful man, with a cold gray eye, and used often to carry two bushels of corn upon his back to Concord to mill, going one day and returning the next. He was quite prominent in the early history of the town. He d. Feb. 8, 1824; his wife d. July 17, 1826.

5. Moses, b. 1773; d. Aug. 20, 1779.
6. Sarah, b. Aug. 7, 1775; md., first husband, Joseph Perry; second husband, Enoch Perry.
7. Zadok, b. June 17, 1775. + S. Thomas, b. June 9, 1780.
9. Amos, b. Sept. 10, 1782; md. Sally Hill; lived where Caleb Perry lived, and d. April 28, 1839.
10. Moses, b. Dec. 16, 1783; md. Rhoda R. —, and settled in Hill.
11. Stephen, b. Aug. 31, 1786; md. Jane B. —; settled in Hill; large family, scattered.
12. Ebenezer, b. March 19, 1788. +
13. Mercy, b. Oct. 31, 1790; md. Geo. W. Ball.

(7.) Zadok Duston, md. Elizabeth, dau. of John and Nancy Gould, of this town, July, 1801, and resided upon the

old homestead. He was one of the founders of the Methodist church in Henniker. He d. Dec. 20, 1863. His wife d. Nov. 2, 1868.

14. John G., b. July 26, 1802. +
 15. Zadok, Jr., b. Feb. 13, 1811. +
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- (8.) Thomas Duston, md. Jerusha Baker, Nov. 15, 1810, and lived upon the farm still owned by his son Moses. He d. May 26, 1857; his wife d. March 3, 1862.
16. Thomas B., b. Jan. 19, 1812. +
 17. Lucia H., b. Nov. 22, 1813; md. James Morse; three children.
 18. Maria H., b. June 27, 1816; md. G. W. Piper; five children.
 19. Desire T., b. July 22, 1818; md. Joseph Ferry; five children.
 20. Russell L., b. Nov. 16, 1821. +
 21. Moses, b. Sept. 22, 1825. +
 22. Rhoda R., b. March 22, 1836; md. Henry A. Davis.
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- (12.) Ebenezer Duston, md. Lydia Mitchell, of Deering; md., second wife, Phebe Tucker. He lived in this town most of his days, upon the farm now owned by Greeley D. Tucker, then removed to Hill, where he died a few years since. His second wife d. July 14, 1829.
- Child by first wife.
23. Sarah Ann, b. Nov. 7, 1815.
- Children by second wife.
24. C——, b. Aug. 7, 1820. 25. Benjamin, b. Aug. 7, 1822.
 26. Zadok, b. Dec. 14, 1823.
 27. Ebenezer, b. March 20, 1827.
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- (14.) John G. Duston, md. Phebe Page, of Weare. He d. July 23, 1879.
28. John P., b. Nov. 24, 1829; d. May 22, 1845.
 29. Mark G., b. Sept. 20, 1831.
 30. Elizabeth G., b. Feb. 18, 1834.
 31. Harlow, b. Jan. 15, 1836.

32. Elbridge, b. Sept. 11, 1837; was a soldier in the 9th N. H. Vols.; killed at Jackson, Miss.
 33. Amanda L., b. April 2, 1839; d. Feb., 1866.
 34. John B., b. April 22, 1850, in Dorchester; the others in this town.

- (15.) Zadok Duston, Jr., md. Serena B. Felch, dau. of Thomas and Hannah Felch, March 21, 1838. He resided upon the homestead most of his days. He was a prominent citizen of the town, having represented it in the legislatures of 1864 and 1865; was a justice of the peace for quite a number of years. His wife d. Dec. 31, 1872, and he md., for his second wife, Mrs. Mary M. Felch, May 21, 1874. He d. April 2, 1877. His children were by first wife.
 35. Elizabeth, b. April 17, 1842; d. July 1, 1856.
 36. Hannah B., b. Nov. 7, 1843; md. Luke W. Hill, Antrim, Jan. 19, 1875.
 37. Monroe, b. —, 1845; md. Sarah —, and lives in Ballard's Falls, Kansas. Two children.

- (16.) Thomas B. Duston, md. Belinda Cross.

38. Lucia A., b. Nov. 10, 1845.
 39. Carrie M., b. March 1, 1847.

- (20.) Russell T. Duston, md. Emily A. Bartlett.

40. Hosea H., b. 1847. 41. Almira M., b. 1850.
 42. Armenia, b. 1852. 43. Emma A., b. 1853.

- (21.) Moses Duston, md. Eveline Richardson, Jan. 6, 1850; lived in this town until within a few years, and still owns the old homestead; resides in Manchester; a carpenter by trade.

44. Emily E., b. March 10, 1851; d. Jan. 19, 1870.
 45. M. DeForest, b. Jan. 9, 1853; md.

EAGER.

1. William Eager, md. Ruth Hill, in Malden, in 1659, and settled in Marlborough, Mass., in 1684. He d. April 4, 1690. His son Zerubbabel, b. 1672, md., March

23, 1698, Hannah Kerley. His son John, b. March 28, 1718, md. Elizabeth, who d. May 25, 1750; he d. April 9, 1777. They had four children, and from two of these came the Eagers in this town.

2. Joseph, b. June 8, 1746.+
 3. Elisha, b. June 24, 1747; d. Oct. 9, 1747.
 4. Vashti, b. June 24, 1747; d. Oct. 1, 1747.
 5. Luke, b. Dec. 8, 1748.+
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(2.) Joseph Eager, md. Hannah, and came to this town during the Revolution, and lived in a house that stood on the bank of Ammi brook, westerly from the Ring bridge. He was an excellent mechanic, and did a large amount of the framing of buildings erected in those early days. He d. March 16, 1831; his wife d. April 14, 1824.

6. Phebe, b. June 4, 1783; md. Gould Harriman.
 7. Hephsebeth, b. —; d. Dec. 27, 1800.
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(5.) Luke Eager, md., 1770, Vashti Walker, and came to Henniker with his brother. He d. July 16, 1807; she d. Oct. 3, 1796.

8. Asa D., b. May 6, 1772.+
 9. Lydia, b. June 11, 1774.
 10. Christian, b. May 6, 1776; md. John Silver, Nov. 12, 1793.
 11. Lois, b. Sept. 19, 1779. 12. Winthrop, b. Feb. 11, 1782.
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(8.) Asa D. Eager, md. Lucy Dufer, July 8, 1793.

13. Annis, b. Oct. 9, 1794; d. Jan. 12, 1795.
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EASTMAN.

1. Samuel Eastman, md. Marcy Tucker, and settled in this town before the Revolution, upon Craney hill, on the south-eastern slope, upon the place so long afterwards known as the "Eastman place."

2. Samuel, b. Feb. 8, 1779.+
3. Hepsy, b. 1781.
4. John, b. 1783.
5. Mercy, b. 1785.

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| 6. | David, b. 1787. | 7. | William, b. 1789. |
| 8. | Betsey, b. 1792. | 9. | Jonathan, b. 1794. |
| 10. | Sally, b. 1796. | 11. | Hiram, b. 1798. |
| 12. | Whitney, b. 1800. | 13. | Infant, b. 1802; d. Dec. 18, 1802. |
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(2.) Samuel Eastman, son of Samuel and Marcy Tucker Eastman, md., Oct. 3, 1802, Edna Little, of Peterborough, the marriage ceremony being performed by Rev. Mr. Rice. Shortly after their marriage he became part owner of the mill now owned by Mr. Gutterson, and resided in a log house that stood north of the present residence of Mr. G. W. S. Dow, residing here several years. He then moved upon what is now known as the "Hunter farm," and after a few years moved upon the homestead where he was born, where he d. Feb. 12, 1852; his wife d. Aug. 8, 1870.

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| 14. | Edna, b. March 2, 1804. |
| 15. | Cynthia, b. Feb. 4, 1806; md. S. Patch. |
| 16. | Lucinda, b. Feb. 23, 1809; md. A. M. Tucker. |
| 17. | Sally, b. Nov. 18, 1810. |
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18. Aaron Eastman and Esther, his wife, lived upon the top of the hill, between where the Pattersons now live and S. B. Heath's. The house is not standing, but the cellar is still to be seen. He was here during the Revolution. He d. Feb. 5, 1802; his wife d. July 30, 1834.

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| 19. | Martha, b. Sept. 13, 1780; d. July 25, 1870; b. in Francetown. | | |
| 20. | Aaron, b. June 15, 1782; d. April 14, 1855. | | |
| 21. | Ruth, b. July 10, 1784. | 22. | Elizabeth, b. Oct. 14, 1786. |
| 23. | Moses, b. July 5, 1789. | | |
| 24. | John, b. 1791; d. Feb. 24, 1798. | 25. | Patty, b. 1793. |
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1. Jonathan Eastman, came to this town from Hopkinton about the commencement of the Revolutionary war, and settled upon the south side of Craney hill. After

residing there a few years, he exchanged farms with Elisha Barnes, the one now partly owned by Mr. Zebulon Foster, where he passed the remainder of his days. He md. Esther —. He d. Feb. 12, 1827; his wife d. Jan. 23, 1829.

2. Abiah, b. March 14, 1778; md. Nahum Brown, March 7, 1799.
3. Jonathan, b. Feb. 22, 1780; md. Mehitable Dole, who d. Sept. 26, 1823. They had four children, after which Mr. Eastman went away, leaving his wife and children in the care of his father. He was absent forty years, and during that time his family knew nothing of his whereabouts. The family struggled hard until the children became large enough to be of assistance. When Mr. Eastman returned, his children did not consider him a real father, and he became a town and afterwards a county charge, and d. at the county farm in 1871, aged nearly 91 years.
4. 1. Jonathan, b. July 9, 1805; md. Elizabeth Rowell; resides in West Hopkinton, and is a highly respected citizen.
2. Esther. 6. 3. William D. 7. 4. Patty.
5. Mehitable, b. 1783; d. Sept. 24, 1823.
8. Jeremiah, b. July 6, 1788; md. Judith Eager, Feb. 10, 1811. He settled upon the farm with his father.
9. 1. Edward M., b. May 28, 1811.
10. 2. Hepsibah, b. March 2, 1813; md. David Clark.
11. 3. Abigail S., b. Nov. 20, 1815.
12. 4. Jeremiah, b. May 18, 1818.
13. 5. Jonathan, b. May 18, 1820; d. Oct. 14, 1840.
14. 6. Mary H., b. Jan. 8, 1823.
15. 7. Letty, b. July 13, 1825.
16. 8. Calista H., b. April 20, 1828.
17. 9. Judith, b. March 2, 1832.
18. Patty, b. Feb. 21, 1791; md. Dr. Silas Hunter, Feb. 4, 1816, and moved to New York, where he was convicted of horse-stealing and sent to state-prison. She procured a divorce, and md. David Brown, of Weare; removed to Sunapee.
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1. Roger Eastman was born in Wales, in 1625; came to this country in 1640, at Haverhill, Mass., and settled in Salisbury, Mass.; his grandson,

2. Enoch Eastman, was born in Salisbury, Mass., in 1725 ; md., 1748, Rebecca, dau. of James Abbott, of Concord, who was born in Andover, Mass., Aug. 13, 1730, and moved with her father's family to Concord, in 1735.
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3. Ezra Eastman, son of Enoch, was born in Hopkinton, Aug. 5, 1765, and md., in 1787, Polly, dau. of Thomas Eaton, of Concord.
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4. Ezra Eastman, son of Ezra, was born in Hopkinton, April 11, 1798, and md., Sept. 30, 1828, Cynthia, dau. of John Connor, of this town; came here in 1831, and settled where he and his son now live. His children were all born in Henniker, except the two first, who were born in Hopkinton.
5. Mary, b. July 19, 1829; teacher.
6. George A., b. Oct. 26, 1831.†
7. Adaline S., b. Sept. 27, 1833; teacher; md., Aug., 1859, Walter A. Cook, Norwich, N. Y.
8. Susan C., b. May 5, 1838; teacher; unmd.
9. Helen J., b. March 20, 1849; md. Seth Bunnell.
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- (6.) George A. Eastman, md. April 10, 1862, Orpah L., dau. of William D. and Almira Clark, of Derry, and lives with his father; taught school many terms.
10. Walter C., b. Feb. 20, 1863.
11. Carrie E., b. Oct. 3, 1864.
12. Jennie A., b. Nov. 20, 1866.
13. Mary H., b. Feb. 18, 1869.
14. Susan Myra, b. Dec., 1870; d. Aug. 25, 1871.
15. Clinton Henry, b. April 7, 1872; d. Feb. 5, 1873.
16. Lucy E., b. May 6, 1874.
17. Alice Mabel, b. Dec. 18, 1878.
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EATON.

1. Ithamar Eaton, of Weare, was the son of Samuel Eaton, of Plaistow, who md. Mary Ordway, of Kingston, Feb. 23, 1769. They had several children; among

the number was George Washington, b. Jan. 7, 1788; md. Hannah Low, Jan. 26, 1813; they had several children, one of whom was Peter.

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2. Peter Eaton, son of George W. and Hannah L. Eaton, was born in Weare, Nov. 9, 1815. He learned the trade of harness-maker with Hosea Fessenden, of Concord, and came to this town in 1837; md. Eliza Ann, dau. of Oliver and Anna S. Pillsbury, Dec. 15, 1840. He lived for a while in the "Whitman store," then near the stone bridge, and built the little cottage now owned by Mrs. Luther Goss. He was an honest, upright man and a faithful friend; d., June 23, 1867, universally lamented.
 3. Alice L., b. March 6, 1849; d. March 5, 1863.

Another son of Samuel Eaton, of Plaistow, was Obadiah, who was born in Plaistow, April 22, 1747; md. Betsey Page, Jan. 9, 1775. They had six children, none of whom resided in this town, but the youngest.

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4. Page Eaton, son of Obadiah and Betsey P. Eaton, was b. in Weare, July 19, 1790; md. Roxanna Bradford, of Francestown, 1817. He came to this town about the time of his marriage, and engaged in the mercantile business. He was a prominent man for a third of a century. He moved to Woburn, Mass., in 1853, where he d. June 14, 1872; his wife d. Aug. 30, 1866.
 5. Robert B., b. July 10, 1818.†
 6. Thomas, b. Dec. 22, 1819; d. Jan. 20, 1836.
 7. Page, b. Oct. 10, 1826; was many years a merchant in Boston; md., and d. several years since.
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- (5.) Col. Robert B. Eaton was many years a merchant in this town, post-master from 1841 to 1845, colonel of the 40th Reg., and was universally respected for his integrity of character.

1. Rev. Joseph M. R. Eaton, son of Thomas and Betsey S. Eaton, was b. in Fitchburg, Mass., Oct. 15, 1814; fitted for college at Leicester, Mass., Academy; graduated at Amherst college, 1841; graduated at Andover Theological Seminary, 1844; commenced preaching same year at Clintonville, Mass., where he was ordained and installed Jan. 9, 1845; dismissed April, 1847, and preached the succeeding three years in Shirley, Mass.; commenced preaching in this town Nov. 3, 1850, and was installed Feb. 26, 1851; dismissed June, 1868, having the longest pastorate but one since the church was organized. [See Ecclesiastical History.] Resides with his son in Worcester, Mass. During his pastorate, 88 were added to the church; was called to sit in council 26 times; administered the rite of baptism 62 times; attended 192 funerals of persons who died in town; married 98 couples. Married, Dec. 25, 1844, Harriette Downe, of Fitchburg, Mass.
 2. Thomas E. N., b. in Clinton, Mass., Jan. 29, 1847; fitted for college in this town; graduated at Amherst college, 1868; md. Sarah A Clapp; is a teacher.
 3. Abby Frances, b. April 2, 1849; d. May 7, 1850.
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EDWARDS.

1. Benjamin Edwards, and his wife Sarah, came to this town about the close of the Revolution, from Bolton, Mass.; they settled first where Wesley Felch now lives; afterwards, where Kendall Whitcomb lives. He was engaged in the saw-mill that stood near the present one of George E. Barnes.
2. Sally, b. Nov. 26, 1776; md. Oliver Whitcomb.
3. Josiah. 4. Samuel. 5. Eunice.
6. Joseph, b. Nov. 28, 1790.

ELLIOTT.

1. John S. Elliott, son of Benj. and Mary Elliott, was born in Boscawen Aug. 14, 1804; md., 1841, Mary D. Nichols, b. in Goffstown; came to this town in 1849.
 2. George W., b. Sept. 6, 1842. [See Roll of Honor.]
 3. Mary M., b. April 2, 1844; md. Sumner C. Davis.
 4. 1. Mary, b. Feb. 22, 1865.
 5. 2. Abby, b. Jan. 18, 1868.
 6. 3. John, b. June 6, 1872.
 7. Eliza Jane, b. Sept. 17, 1846; d. March 11, 1865.
 8. Hattie E., b. 1862.
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1. Dea. Amos Elliott built the brick building owned by W. D. Davis, and was a merchant in it at one time. He came here from Mason, remained a few years, and then left town.
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EMERSON.

1. Col. Edward P. Emerson was b. in Francestown, Feb. 6, 1809. He came to this town in 1830, and engaged in the mercantile business. Sept. 4, 1834, he married Nancy Pierce, dau. of Morrill Pierce, a brother of Gov. Pierce, of Hillsborough, and the foster child of Hon. William Bixby, late of Francestown. In April, 1838, he took up his residence in Nashua, where he has since resided. There he held the position of one of the selectmen from 1848 until 1853, when the town organized under a city charter, and he was elected city clerk for three years. He was collector of taxes for several years, and has been treasurer of the city. He was a representative in the legislature in 1860 and 1861, and was senator for District No. 7, in 1863 and 1864. In 1862 he was appointed police judge of the city, which position he held until 1874. From 1864 to 1868 he was deputy collector of internal revenue for the Second District. Is president of the First National Bank and of the City Savings Bank, Nashua.

Born here.

2. William Bixby, b. June 20, 1835.†
 3. Edward M., b. July 25, 1843; d. July 25, 1866.
 4. Jessie Dorcas, b. June 12, 1845; md., July 8, 1868,
Capt. George H. Taylor, son of Samuel H. Taylor,
LL. D., for a long time the principal of Phillips Acad-
emy, Exeter.
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(2.) William B. Emerson, who was b. in this town, served in the first three-months regiment of volunteers from this state in the Rebellion. He was afterwards a lieutenant in the Eighth Regiment. He md. Abbie M. Peasley, and has three children.

5. Katie P. 6. Mary B. 7. Nancy M.
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8. Timothy Emerson, brother to Edward, was b. in Frankestown; came to this town before his brother, and lived where David D. Davis now resides. He afterwards moved where his widow now resides. He md. Lorinda, dau. of Wm. and Polly Bowman, of Henniker, Oct. 16, 1828. He was a shoemaker by trade. He d. Dec. 26, 1860.

9. Infant, b. Feb., 1831; d. March 16, 1831.
 10. Helen, b. Dec. 26, 1850; md. Frank Brady.
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1. Dr. George B. Emerson was at one time a resident of this town. His mother was a sister of Hon. Joshua Darling, and he was b. in Roxbury, Mass., Sept. 3, 1822. He resided here several years when a boy; entered the Universalist ministry in 1842, at the age of nineteen; preached several years in Cleveland and Dayton, Ohio, and at Louisville, Ky.; was four years in the employ of the Universalist Missionary Society; founded the church at Somerville, Mass.; was seven years editor of the *Universalist Quarterly*, five years editor of the *Universalist*, then five years editor of the *Clinton Leader*, in N. Y., since which time he has been editor of the *Universalist and Christian Leader* at Boston.

1. Fenner H. Emerson, md., April 16, 1828, Clarinda Baker, of Bow; resides in this town.
 2. Henry A., b. in Concord, May 1, 1837; md., Jan. 1, 1864, Louise M. Lydston, Litchfield; came to Henniker in 1871, and most of the time since has been the very efficient agent and partner of the Contoocook Valley Paper Co., at West Henniker; representative in the legislature in 1876 and 1878.
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EMERY.

The Emerys who settled in this town were mostly descendants of the family by that name which settled in Weare and Deering. They resided in the south-west part of the town.

1. Daniel Emery and his wife Elizabeth resided in town several years. All trace of the family is now lost.
 2. Polly, b. Oct. 27, 1790.
 3. David, b. Aug. 14, 1792; d. May 6, 1814.
 4. Levi, b. June 13, 1794. 5. John, b. Nov. 24, 1799.
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6. Jesse Emery, md. Betsey Wyman, of Hillsborough, and settled in this town about the commencement of the present century. He lived where John G. Emery now resides. He was a very ingenious man, and made a large number of spinning- and flax-wheels. He made himself a harness at one time, without a buckle in or about it, all parts of it fastened together by springs and clasps "brazed" together. They were an honest, worthy couple, and had one dau., who md. in Deering. He d. July 10, 1838.
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7. John G. Emery, son of Caleb and Polly (Harriman) Emery, was b. in Weare in 1809; md., Oct. 19, 1848, Sarah Piper, of Bradford, and has resided in this town since 1850.
8. John, b. in Weare, in 1849.
9. Charles, b. in Henniker in 1851.

FARMER.

1. George W. Farmer, son of Silas and Judith M. Farmer, grandson of Jacob, son of Daniel, was born July 14, 1845, in Cambridgeport, Mass. His parents were md. in this town, where he has resided many years. Mechanic and farmer. Md. Sarah O. Flanders, Mar. 12, 1869.
 2. George M., b. July 31, 1870, Warner.
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FARRAR.

1. George H. Farrar, son of Stephen and Hannah D. Farrar, of Hillsborough, was b. Aug. 25, 1831. He md. Carrie M. Colby, of this town, Nov. 3, 1862.

Born here.

2. Freddie A., b. Oct. 22, 1863; d. Aug. 11, 1865.
 3. George P., b. May 21, 1868.
 4. Willie H., b. Dec. 18, 1869.
 5. Arthur A., b. June 5, 1872.
 6. Harry M., b. July 2, 1877.
 7. Fannie M., b. Dec. 24, 1879.
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8. Ervin Otis Farrar, son of Stephen, md., Dec. 4, 1861, Mary Ann Colby, of Hillsborough.
 9. Eliza, b. Henniker, March 5, 1863.
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10. Alden P. Farrar son of Stephen, md., April 10, 1866, Mary A. Brown, of New Boston; selectman.
 11. Walter, b. Sept. 12, 1867; d. Sept. 22, 1867, in New Boston.
 12. Lizzie P., b. Feb. 26, 1874; d. March 21, 1876, in Hillsborough.
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FAVOR.

1. John Favor, son of Cutting and Ruth Favor, was b. in 1802; md., June 13, 1859, Abigail F. Perry; he died Dec. 12, 1874.
2. Mary, b. Sept 30, 1861.

3. Andrew D. Favor, son of Cutting and Ruth, was b. in Newbury, Aug. 22, 1822; md., June 10, 1854, Ann Kimball, dau. of Amos Kimball, of Hillsborough.

Children born here.

4. Charles E., b. June 22, 1856.
5. Maria A., b. Oct. 7, 1860.
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FELCH.

1. Thomas Felch, son of Curtis, and grandson of Joseph Felch, of Seabrook, was born in Weare, July 11, 1797; md., March 1, 1821, Hannah Brown, and settled in this town in 1822, where his son Walter now resides; his wife d. March 22, 1848, and he md. for his second wife, Mrs. Sally —, of Croydon; he moved to South Royalton, Vt., in Oct., 1851, where he d. Oct. 18, 1853. Children all by first wife and all b. in this town but the two eldest, b. in Weare.
2. Serena B., b. July 14, 1822; md. Zadok Duston.
3. William B., b. Oct. 8, 1824; md., Nov. 19, 1850, Mary M., dau. of William J. and Mary (Moore) Major, of Goffstown; went to Iowa, and thence to Pike's Peak, Colorado, where he d. Aug. 22, 1865.
4. 1. Ellen, b. Sept. 3, 1852; d. May 30, 1872.
5. Walter, b. May 8, 1828.†
6. Judith B., b. Feb. 22, 1830; md., first husband, Moses R. Wood; second husband, Gilbert A. Gordon.
7. Wallace, b. March 10, 1832; resided in Northfield, Vt.
8. Warren, b. June 8, 1834; md. Mary Follansbee, of Francestown.
9. 1. Arthur N., b. Feb. 18, 1868.
10. 2. Sarah, b. Dec. 11, 1871; d. April 6, 1872.
11. Wesley, b. May 26, 1836; md. Amanda L. Follansbee, of Francestown, March, 1866.
12. Elvira, b. March 25, 1839; d. June 30, 1840.
13. Worcester, b. Oct. 15, 1841; md., Dec. 8, 1863, Maria L., dau. of Carlton and Mary Wadsworth, of this town; resides in Manchester.
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- (5.) Walter Felch, son of Thomas, md., June 24, 1849, Lucretia, dau. of Reuben and Betsey Monroe, of this town.

14. Elsie J., b. June 7, 1850; md., 1877, Melvin Poor, of Antrim.
 15. Julia A., b. Feb. 28, 1852; md., Dec. 24, 1874, William B. French, of Manchester.
 16. Mary A., b. July 19, 1854; md., Feb. 18, 1875, John F. Gove, of Hopkinton.
 17. Walter F., b. Nov. 19, 1856.
 18. Charles H., b. Oct. 2, 1861.
 19. Frances E., b. Nov. 21, 1865.
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FELLOWS.

1. James Fellows, son of Stevens and Miriam Fellows, and grandson of Daniel and Susie S. Fellows, was b. Sept. 12, 1821, in Salisbury; md., June 15, 1843, Jane Stevens, of Salisbury; resides upon "Foster hill;" was a merchant here many years; was selectman in Salisbury in 1850, '51, '52, '53; member of the legislature in 1854, '55; supt. school com. of Salisbury six years; register of deeds, Merrimack county, 1856, '57; county commissioner, 1864, '65, '66; justice of the peace, twenty years.

Children born in Salisbury.

2. Clara A., b. Jan. 13, 1846.
 3. Marion A., b. July 22, 1848.
 4. John S., b. June 18, 1850; d. Nov. 8, 1858.
 5. Wilfred D., b. Aug. 15, 1852.
 6. James F., b. Sept. 25, 1855.
 7. Nellie S., b. May 5, 1859; d. Sept. 15, 1879.
 8. John H., b. July 8, 1861.
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9. Henry A. Fellows, son of Richard and Alice Fellows, b. April 11, 1838, in Salisbury; resided here many years; merchant; one of the founders of the New Hampshire Antiquarian Society; md. Marion A., dau. of James and Jane Fellows.
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FISHER.

1. Ezra Fisher was b. in Sharon, Mass., Nov. 2, 1769. He came to Francestown in 1800; md., in 1805, Mary

Bixby, of Francestown, and settled at the foot of "Cork hill," in Deering, where they lived and died.

2. Oliver C. Fisher, son of Ezra, was b. in Deering, Aug. 2, 1809; came to this town in December, 1831, and engaged in mercantile pursuits with Mr. Emerson; was one of the representatives of the town in the legislature in 1854 and 1855; held several minor offices in the town; was State Insurance Commissioner during 1868, '69, and '70; justice of the peace and quorum throughout the state from 1855 until 1871. He has held several high positions in the Masonic fraternity of the state. Among them, Grand Lecturer in the Grand Lodge five years, High Priest of Woods Chapter, R. A. M., Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1875 and 1876; was assistant U. S. Internal Revenue Assessor under the Internal Revenue law for eight years. Md., Oct. 3, 1836, Eliza C. Campbell, dau. of John and Sarah Campbell, and resided in town until 1871, when they removed to Newton, Mass., where they still reside. The children were all b. here.
3. Ellen E., b. Oct. 31, 1837; graduated at New London; was principal of Rumford school, in Concord, three years; md., July 5, 1871, J. F. Speer, of New York. One child, Jessie F.
4. Sarah J., b. Oct. 24, 1839; d. Sept. 11, 1843.
5. William B., b. Oct 4, 1841; graduated at New London; was three years in Dartmouth college; taught in several academies; has been most of the time since 1866 clerk in a railroad office in Boston, where he still resides. Md., Jan. 3, 1877, Louisa Post, of Norwich, Conn.
6. Henry C., b. July 31, 1844; has been book-keeper in a railroad office in Boston since 1869; md., Dec. 25, 1869, Mary Dearborn, of Stratham.
7. 1. Ernest, b. Jan. 18, 1871.
8. 2. Harry, b. March, 1872; d. Aug., 1872.
9. 3. Mabel, b. Nov., 1874.

10. John W., b. June 30, 1849; graduated at New London. Has been a book-keeper in a railroad office in Boston since 1871, where he still resides.
 11. Jessie M., b. Sept. 4, 1852; graduated at Concord in 1871.
 12. Oliver M., b. Nov. 2, 1855; graduated at Newton, Mass., in 1875; is now a book-keeper in a boot and shoe store in Boston, Mass.
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FLANDERS.

1. Timothy Flanders, resided on Noyes hill, opposite the residence of Mrs. Emily A. Dow. He is said to have been "a very honest man, and much given to loud laughing." There is no record of his family.
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2. William O. Flanders, son of James M. and Mary (Brooks) Flanders, of Hopkinton, both of whom resided here many years, and d. here,—he March 5, 1868, and his wife March 18, 1868,—and grandson of Jeremiah Flanders, of Hopkinton, was b. at Troy, N. Y., April 23, 1834; has resided in this town the most of his life; md., March 26, 1854, Betsey G., dau. of Nathaniel and Rachel Noyes.
 3. William Frank, b. Nov. 3, 1854.
 4. John Fred, b. Feb. 24, 1856.
 5. Abbie R., b. July 11, 1857.
 6. Hattie M., b. Dec. 20, 1864.
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7. Alonzo R. Flanders, was b. in Bridgewater, and came to this town in 1841; carpenter and farmer; md. Nancy Ring, of Henniker.
 8. Charles B., b. July 23, 1843. [See Accidents.]
 9. Orlando E., b. May 23, 1845. [See Roll of Honor.]
 10. Abby Frances, b. Sept. 10, 1847; md., May 15, 1869, O. M. Thompson.
 11. Frank P., b. Feb. 16, 1852.
 12. Jennie, b. July 7, 1854; md. —.
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13. Jonathan Flanders, md. Amy Wells, of Goffstown, and

settled in the south part of this town in 1850. He d. Sept. 14, 1879. Children b. in Weare.

14. John M.
 15. Abram.
 16. John G.
 17. Betsey.
 18. Melissa, md. Jonathan Cilley.
 19. Elijah P., md., second wife, Lucy Plummer; carpenter; had children by first wife.
 20. James Peterson, md. Betsey E. Kimball; resides on the Samuel Kimball homestead.
 21. Jonathan, b. June 10, 1838; md. Maria A. Smith. [See Roll of Honor.]
 22. 1. John M., b. Oct. 17, 1858.
 23. 2. Julia A., b. July 3, 1863.
 24. Eliza Jane, md. Charles Knott.
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FLINT.

1. Joseph Flint, son of Joseph, son of William, grandson of Thomas, who was in Salem, Mass., before 1650, was b. in Danvers, Mass., April 13, 1784; d. in this town Oct. 8, 1864; md. Lydia S. King, of Salem, Mass., Oct. 25, 1807, who d. in this town Oct. 7, 1864.
 2. Meribah H., b. Dec. 14, 1808; d. Feb. 7, 1865; unmd.
 3. Elizabeth W., b. July 2, 1811; unmd.;—these two were b. in Danvers, Mass.
 4. Lydia J. K., b. in Greenfield, July 31, 1814; d. April 10, 1833.
 5. Joseph K., b. Oct. 7, 1817.
 6. George L., b. May 1, 1821.†
 7. Frances Ann, b. Jan. 26, 1825;—the three last were b. in Francestown;—Frances Ann md. Stephen B. Putney, of Warner, printer; children,—Louis LaRoy, Squire Elmore, Stephen Decatur.
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- (6.) George Louis Flint, md., April 31, 1846, Mary K. Cheney, of Lowell, Mass.; blacksmith.
 8. Louis F., b. Oct. 19, 1847, in Sutton.
 9. Lydia J., b. March 14, 1851, in Warner; unmd.
 10. George H., b. Feb. 24, 1857, in Warner.
 11. Ella L., b. Oct. 26, 1859. 12. Mary B., b. Aug. 8, 1863;—the last two b. in this town.

FOLSOM.

1. Nathaniel Folsom, md. Sarah Peaslee, and settled in this town; came from Sandwich; resided on the south-eastern slope of Craney hill; children b. here.
2. Judith, md. — Campbell.
3. Stephen, md. Hannah Muzzey.
4. Samuel, b. Feb. 27, 1804; md., Nov. 17, 1836, Sophronia, dau. of Ezra and Hannah Tucker, of this town, and resided below the homestead, near the road leading to Weare, where he d. Jan. 2, 1859.
5. 1. Ezra T., b. Sept. 20, 1837. [See Roll of Honor.]
6. 2. Julia Ann, b. Oct. 21, 1843.
7. Polly, md. — Edmunds.
8. John, md. Mary Plummer; lives in Newbury.
9. Lydia, md. Ira Plummer. 10. Betsey, md. Ezra Chase.
11. David, md. Abigail Peaslee; he d., and his widow md. George W. Carnes.
12. Nancy, md. Dexter Roe.

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1. John Folsom, son of John and Amelia (Odlin) Folsom, son of John, son of Jeremiah, of Newmarket, was b. in Lee, Nov. 24, 1800; md. Feb. 15, 1835, Mary F. Colt, of Hadley, Mass., who was b. in Epsom in 1804; lived in Deerfield, and came to this town Feb. 13, 1838, owning the "Proctor farm" until 1854, then the Thomas Tucker farm until 1867, since which time he has lived in the village; one of the representatives of the town in 1848, and one of the selectmen in 1842, '43, '44, '47; justice of the peace seventeen years.
 2. John M., b. in Deerfield, Nov. 25, 1835; md. Mary E. Marden, of Haverhill; railroad conductor; d. Nov. 26, 1871.
 3. William Odlin, b. in Henniker, Sept. 28, 1838; md. first wife, Nov. 6, 1861, Carrie F. Foster, who d. in 1866, and he md. second wife, Feb. 11, 1869, Julia, dau. of Frederic and Fidelia Whitney; merchant; justice of the peace and quorum; has been selectman and town treasurer.
Child by second wife.
 4. 1. Carrie F., b. Feb. 13, 1873.

FOSTER.

1. Reginald Foster came to this country from England, with his wife and seven children, and settled in Ipswich, Mass., in 1638; he d. 1680; his son Reginald² d. Dec. 28, 1707, aged 71; and one of his children was John³, who d. Dec. 9, 1736, aged 72, leaving, with other children, Moses⁴, who d. Sept., 1785, aged 85; one of his sons was Aaron⁵, who was a soldier at the taking of Louisburg, and was in the Revolution with his two sons, Moses and Thomas, the latter at the age of 16.

6. Zebulon Foster, son of Aaron and Ruth Lowe Foster, was b. in Chebacco, now Essex, Mass., Aug. 2, 1766; md., Nov. 30, 1794, Polly, dau. of William Story, of Essex, Mass., who was b. Aug. 3, 1770. Mr. Story was a captain in the Revolution, and his commission is now in the possession of Capt. Jeremiah Foster, of this town. Mr. Foster moved to this town in March, 1814, and settled upon the hill so long known as "Foster hill." He resided here the remainder of his days, and d. Dec. 16, 1849; his wife d. Aug. 3, 1851.
7. Lydia, b. Nov. 2, 1795; md., Nov. 24, 1814, Alexander Whitney, and moved to New London in 1825-'6; d. April 27, 1875; eleven children.
8. Zebulon, Jr., b. Sept. 6, 1797.+
9. Eliza F., b. June 30, 1799; md., Feb. 17, 1825, John Peters.
10. William S., b. March 19, 1801.+
11. Polly, b. April 23, 1803; md., April 17, 1827, Ira Colby; eight children.
12. Jeremiah, b. June 22, 1805.+
13. Micajah, b. Aug. 27, 1807.+
14. Miriam, b. Sept. 19, 1810; md., April 3, 1834, Moody Tucker.

- (8.) Zebulon Foster, Jr., md., Aug. 26, 1823, Abigail Wheeler, who d. April 16, 1831; and he md., second wife,

- Lois Whitney, March 15, 1832, who d. Aug. 24, 1852, and he md., third wife, Eliza A. Folsom, Aug. 23, 1853; was one of the representatives of the town in 1845, '46; selectman in 1832, '38, '41, '42, '49, '57; was captain of the Rifles.
15. Susan W., b. Sept. 28, 1823; md. Harrison A. Rice.
 16. Warren S., b. Sept. 12, 1830; md., Jan. 28, 1858, Caroline Smith, dau. of Parker and Martha Smith; was several years connected with the railroads in Illinois as conductor.
17. 1. Mary W., b. Jan. 14, 1859.
 18. 2. Orah C., b. July 18, 1861.
 19. 3. Jessie W., b. Oct. 26, 1869.
 Child by second wife.
20. Caroline F., b. Nov. 6, 1835; md. William O. Folsom.
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- (10.) William Foster, md., first wife, Harriet Page, Antrim; md., second wife, Mary Cooledge; he d. July 10, 1875; resided in Antrim; eight children, all of whom he survived except one; was a very prominent man in the town, and highly respected.
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- (12.) Capt. Jeremiah Foster, md., first wife, Jan. 24, 1833, Adaline, dau. of Jacob and Lovisa Rice, of this town, who d. Sept. 7, 1863; and he md., second wife, April 23, 1864, Martha B. Huntoon, of this town; resided on the homestead until recently; representative in 1857, '58; often one of the selectmen of the town; filled many positions of trust with fidelity; very efficient as a commander of the Rifles and Grenadiers; civil engineer.
21. Jacob R., b. Feb. 4, 1834.†
 22. Charles S., b. Jan. 26, 1838; md., Aug. 11, 1862, Julia, dau. of Luther and Sally Goss, of this town; he d. Jan. 22, 1864.
23. Susan Maria, b. July 30, 1840; md. W. E. Cogswell.
 24. William H., b. July 13, 1842; md., Jan., 1867, Emma Clement, of Hillsborough; d. June 5, 1879.
25. Edwin Scott, b. March 22, 1845; md., Sept., 1868, Elvira Favor, of Bristol; druggist; resides in Haverhill, Mass.; widely known as a musician.

- (13.) Micajah Foster, md., April 5, 1838, Betsey Tucker ; lived in this town until April, 1855, when he removed to Iowa, where he still resides. Children b. here.
26. Homer T., b. Dec. 22, 1839.
27. Mary M., b. Dec. 28, 1842.
28. Evaline, b. Aug. 27, 1844. 29. Eden S., b. Feb. 18, 1847.
30. Zelda J., b. April 5, 1849.
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- (21.) Jacob Rice Foster, md., first wife, April 30, 1867, Georgie Nash, of Great Falls, who d., and he md., second wife, Oct., 1874, Mary Nash ; resides now in Fryeburg, Me. ; machinist, and manufacturer of shoe-pegs ; an excellent musician ; several years an artist of much merit in photographic and stereoscopic pictures.
31. Edwin J., b. March 19, 1868.
32. George R., b. May 11, 1869.
33. Helen May, b. in Concord, Dec. 7, 1871.
34. Adaline R., b. in Andover, April 15, 1875.
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35. Rev. Eden Burroughs Foster, son of Richard and Irene Foster, was b. at Hanover, May 26, 1813 ; graduated at Dartmouth, 1837 ; studied theology at Andover, Mass. ; ordained pastor of the Congregational church in this town, Aug. 18, 1841 ; dismissed Jan. 7, 1847 ; installed at Pelham, June 21, 1848 ; dismissed Jan-18, 1853 ; installed pastor of John Street church, Lowell, Mass., February 3, 1853 ; dismissed July 23, 1861 ; installed pastor at West Springfield, Mass., Oct. 10, 1861 ; dismissed April 17, 1866 ; installed second time over the John Street church, in Lowell, Mass., May 16, 1866, where he still resides ; md. Catherine, dau. of Oramel Pinneo, Hanover, Aug. 11, 1840 ; received D. D. from Williams college, 1861 ; published four sermons on baptism while here in 1844 ; an able theologian and eloquent divine.
36. Addison Pinneo, b. in Henniker, Sept. 25, 1841 ; graduated at Williams college, Mass., in 1863 ; studied

theology at Princeton, 1863-'65, and graduated at Andover, Mass., 1866; ordained pastor of the Appleton Street church, Lowell, Mass., Oct. 3, 1866; dismissed Oct. 31, 1868; supplied temporarily at Washington, D. C., Baltimore, Md., Dubuque, Ia., and the First Congregational church, Chicago, 1868-'70; installed pastor of church in Malden, Mass., March 29, 1871; dismissed Sept. 30, 1872; installed over Congregational church in Chelsea, Mass., Oct. 9, 1872; dismissed April 26, 1877; installed over the Tabernacle church, Jersey City, N. J., May 23, 1877, where he still resides: md., Aug. 8, 1866, Harriet Day, Springfield, Mass.

37. Emily E., b. Aug. 19, 1843.

38. Aaron Foster, md. Mehitable —, and resided in the south part of the town. He came here the first of the present century. But very little is known of him other than that he was one of the first members of the meeting of Friends established in this town, and was a minister in that denomination at times.

39. Samuel, b. Sept. 15, 1806. 40. Sarah, b. April 8, 1809.

FRACHEUR.

1. Samuel Fracheur, or "Frazier," as he was always called, came to this town as early as 1773, and settled in the north-east part, upon the farm known as the "Fracheur farm." He was a wonderful story-teller, and, if true, he performed some prodigious feats. He d. Feb. 16, 1833; his wife d. Oct. 25, 1823.

2. David, b. Oct. 1, 1774. 3. John, b. March 30, 1777. +
4. Samuel, b. 1779. 5. Luther, b. 1781. 6. Polly.

(3) John Fracheur, md. Elizabeth —. He resided upon the old homestead, and d. there Dec. 9, 1860.

7. Hannah, b. July 30, 1812; md. David Perry.

8. Abigail, b. April 11, 1815; d. Sept. 1, 1818.

9. Eliza, b. Jan. 16, 1818; md. Ebenezer Phillips.

(2.) David Fracheur, md. —.

10. Infant, }
11. Infant, } b. 1799; d. Aug. 9, 1799.

FRENCH.

1. James French, son of James and Nancy French, was b. in Rindge, Feb. 28, 1789; md. Polly Whitney, of Townsend, Mass., Sept. 12, 1811; settled in Henniker in April, 1837; a farmer, and a superior manufacturer of baskets, which business he followed many years. He d. March 30, 1862; his wife d. March 17, 1861.
2. Mary, b. in Hancock, Aug. 28, 1813; md. Hiram Bell.
3. James Madison, b. in Hancock, Jan. 29, 1818; md., July 13, 1843, Mary C. Barker; for a large number of years has been connected with the White Mountain hotels, in which he has won an enviable reputation as a caterer.

Children b. here.

4. 1. George A., b. March 29, 1848; md. Jennie Smith.
5. 1. Henry E., b. July 22, 1877.
6. 2. Charles A., b. Dec. 2, 1849; md. Nettie Houston.

1. Christopher C. French, was b. in Loudon, April 10, 1839; md. Dec. 7, 1865, Celia P. May, of Hopkinton, and came to this town in 1869. His first wife d. Jan. 28, 1872, and he md., for his second wife, Mary M. Patterson, of Henniker.

Children by first wife.

2. Levi W., b. in Hopkinton, Aug. 3, 1868.
3. Arthur L., b. in Henniker, Sept. 29, 1870; d. Feb. 10, 1873.

Children by second wife.

4. Nettie M., b. May 19, 1875.
5. Walter L., b. Aug. 30, 1876.

5. Cyrus French, cooper by trade; resided a while in this town, where H. A. Campbell resides; removed to Manchester, where he d. No record of his family. Came here from Warner.

GAGE.

1. John Gage, son of John and Sally T. Gage, was b. in Lyndeborough, Sept. 27, 1836; came to Henniker in 1866; manufacturer of dry measures and boxes; soldier in the 16th N. H. Vols., late war; selectman in 1879; mechanic. Md., first wife, June 3, 1857, Ann E. Dutton, of Lyndeborough, who d. Aug. 9, 1862; md., second wife, Oct. 24, 1863, Louisa A. Briggs.

Child by first wife.

2. Ella C., b. April 5, 1858, in Lyndeborough.
Children by second wife.
 3. Voleto A., b. Dec. 13, 1864, Greenfield.
 4. Lindley V., b. May 27, 1869, Henniker.
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GARLAND.

1. Moses Garland, son of Nathaniel and Lydia Garland, was b. in Plainfield, Nov. 4, 1808; his father opened the first store in Plainfield; operated the first carding-machines in Lebanon and in Kingston. Mr. Garland is a cooper by trade. He md., January 20, 1833, Cevella E., dau. of Jeremiah and Mehitabel Bean, who was b. in Wilmot, July 4, 1810. She d. Nov. 15, 1875.
2. Ann M., b. in Wilmot, 1834; md.; d. Pioche, Nevada.
3. Dydia L., b. June 23, 1836; d. Sept. 27, 1838.
4. Henry G., b. Jan. 7, 1837; d. July 24, 1856.
5. John L., b. Salisbury, Vt., April 7, 1838.†
6. Cevella F., b. Aug. 18, 1839.
7. Charles H., b. Oct. 10, 1840.
8. Mary E., b. in Harville, N. Y., July 13, 1847; md., Sept. 10, 1868, Dr. Fernando C. Sargent, who d. —; was a surgeon in the army.
9. Frank M., b. in Hopkinton, Sept. 7, 1850.
10. Warren M., b. in Henniker, Feb. 13, 1852; md., July 12, 1869, Angelina M. Tuttle, who d. — .

- (5.) John L. Garland, md. Jan. 1, 1857, Ann M. Dow, dau. of Jonathan and Anna P. Dow. She d. Feb. 15, 1879.
11. Fred, b. June 26, 1858. 12. Elora C., b. Sept. 17, 1860.
13. Hattie M., b. Dec. 11, 1862.
14. Oliver H., b. July 18, 1866.
15. Frank C., b. Oct. 23, 1869.
16. Annie M., b. Feb. 5, 1873.
17. Gertrude, b. Aug. 20, 1874.
18. Harry T., b. Aug. 29, 1876.
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GIBSON.

- 1.¹ John Gibson, b. in England 1601, made freeman in Cambridge, Mass., May 17, 1634; md. Rebecca —; d. 1694.
2. John, his son, b. 1631, md. Rebecca Irvington, 1668; d. 1679. The family were "put out" to live by the selectmen.
3. Timothy, son of John, b. 1668; lived with Abraham Holman in Stow, Mass., who gave him a deed of land upon reaching his majority; he was a distinguished man; held the office of deacon; md., first wife, Nov. 17, 1700, Rebecca Gates; second wife, Submit Taylor.
4. Capt. Timothy, son of Deacon Timothy, was b. in Stow, Mass., in 1702; md., Dec. 29, 1725, Persis Rice, of Sudbury, Mass.; was a prominent man in his vicinity for many years; came to this town about 1772, and settled near where Robert J. Clark now resides; he was of great assistance during the Revolution. He d. Jan. 18, 1782; his wife d. March 22, 1781.
5. Abel, b. in Stow, Mass. +
6. Timothy, b. Dec. 17, 1738. +
7. Persis, b. 1741; md., Oct. 1, 1763, Thomas Brown.
8. John, b. Feb. 9, 1746-7. 9. Joseph, b. June 8, 1750. +
10. Jacob, b. —; md. Oct. 7, 1789, Hannah Hardy.

- (5.) Abel Gibson, came to this town with his father and resided with him ; he md., May 19, 1768, Mary Gilson ; was one of the selectmen in 1778.
11. Abel, b. Aug. 27, 1769. 12. Mary, b. April 28, 1771.
 13. Persis, b. June 20, 1773. 14. Samuel, b. Jan. 27, 1777.
 15. Infant, b. 1780 ; d. April 21, 1780.

This family removed to New York, since which but little has been known of it.

- (6.) Capt. Timothy Gibson, came to this town with his father and resided with him. He at once became a prominent man of the town, and had a state wide reputation ; he was the delegate from this town in the Provincial Congress that met at Exeter, May 17, 1775, and was one of the leading spirits in it ; was one of the selectmen in 1776 and 1778, and his hand was in every movement during the Revolutionary war to sustain the cause, and was tireless in his efforts to procure men and subsistence ; he represented the town in the legislature in 1794, '96, '97, and during his residence here was almost continuously in office ; one of his contemporaries said of him,—“ He was possessed of a sound judgment, and an excellent executive ability, and one of the very ablest citizens of the state.” He was the first justice of the peace in the town, having been commissioned in 1776, being recommended for this position by the voters of the town in open town-meeting. After the burning of the log meeting-house, many of the meetings of the town were held in his house. The meeting was held in his house at which Gen. Benjamin Pierce, of Hillsborough, was chosen to represent this town, Hillsborough, and Deering, in the legislature. Capt. Gibson was town-clerk, and the next day after the election he went to Hillsborough to notify the General of his election ; he found him engaged in clear-

ing his land. Capt. Gibson notified him of his election, and gave him his instructions. This was the first public position (civil) to which Gen. Pierce had been elected. Capt. Gibson remained in this town until 1798, when he removed to Brownfield, Me., where he d. Jan. 16, 1814. A grandson of Capt. Timothy says of him,—“I cannot but regard the advent of Timothy Gibson, with his flock of brawny boys and their worthy sisters, as good fortune for Brownfield.” Capt. Gibson was possessed of the complexion natural to the family, sandy hair, gray eyes, and force of character strongly marked; and when he died, the town, the county, and the state lost a valuable citizen. He md., Feb. 20, 1773, Margaret Whitman, of Stow, Mass., who d. in Brownfield, Me., June 23, 1838.

16. Patty G., b. Sept. 27, 1775; d. July 20, 1784.
17. Jonathan, b. May 13, 1777; lost at sea, April 1807.
18. Daniel, b. Aug. 13, 1779.
19. Timothy, b. Sept. 3, 1781. }
20. Zechariah, b. Sept. 3, 1781. } Timothy md. Lois Mansfield, whose parents moved from this town to Brownfield, Me., about 1800. Zechariah became a minister; has several children living in Maine.
21. Henry G., b. Aug. 24, 1783; d. May 1, 1788.
22. Polly, b. Aug. 21, 1785; d. 1877; md. Dudley Bean, of Brownfield, Me.
23. Robert, b. Aug. 22, 1787; md. Sarah Molineux, of Hopkinton; d. in Fryeburg, Me., March, 1860.
24. Abel, b. March 23, 1790; d. July 16, 1852; md. Ann, dau. of Hon. Joseph Howard, of Brownfield, Me.
25. 1. Abel Augustus, b. March 31, 1819; fitted for college at 14 years of age, entered West Point Military Institute, 1835, graduated 1839, and from that period until 1871 was in the United States service. Col. Gibson resides in Fryeburg, Me.
26. 2. Ann Augusta, b. March 31, 1819.
27. 3. Joseph H., b. Aug. 29, 1820; d. of Panama fever in Boston, Dec., 1852.
28. 4. Caroline E., b. Dec. 20, 1822.
29. 5. Annette M., b. Aug. 26, 1824.
30. 6. Laura Helen, b. Jan. 19, 1828; d. Dec. 15, 1854.

31. 7. Paris, b. July 1, 1829; lives at Fort Benton, Montana.
 32. Margaret H., b. March 19, 1792; md. Dr. S. S. Hadley; was the mother of fifteen children, thirteen of whom lived to manhood and womanhood.
 33. Jane, b. Jan. 16, 1795; md. James Weeks; still living; blind; resides with her son in Brownfield, Me.; the only surviving child of Capt. Timothy Gibson.
 34. Samuel, b. Feb. 22, 1797; d. in Norway, Me.; Samuel F. Gibson, attorney-at-law, of Bethel, Me., is his son.

(9.) Capt. Joseph Gibson, md., May 28, 1772, Olive Randall, and resided where W. O. Flanders now lives. Was one of the prominent men of the town for over a quarter of a century; was one of the selectmen in 1787, '90, '91, '96, '97, '99; was for many years an officer in the state militia; like his brother Timothy, he was a safe adviser, and a genial, kind friend and neighbor. His death was very sudden. While riding, one day, his horse fell, throwing him upon the pommel of the saddle with so much force as to injure him severely. Mortification ensued, and he d. May 26, 1801. At the time of his injury every effort was made to relieve him, all of which proved of no avail. His biographer said of him,—“In his death his wife and seven children have to mourn the loss of a kind and endearing husband and a tender and affectionate parent, society a useful member, and his particular neighborhood an obliging friend. As he has been a gentleman who lived highly respected, his death is universally lamented.” His wife d. Dec. 30, 1816.

35. Dorcas, b. Aug. 13, 1773; md. Elijah Stone.
 36. Dolly, b. Jan. 26, 1776; md. Elijah Whitcomb.
 37. Dinah, b. March 30, 1778; d. in Billerica, Mass.; unm.
 38. Joseph, b. April 29, 1780; d. Feb. 27, 1796.
 39. John, b. Oct. 22, 1782. + 40. Jacob, b. Oct. 24, 1784. +
 41. Jeduthan, b. Jan. 17, 1787; d. March 9, 1796.
 42. Jonathan, b. Jan. 17, 1787.
 43. Olive, b. 1790; md., Nov. 26, 1812, Joshua F. Hoyt.
 44. Betsey, b. 1794; md. — Cowdry, April 30, 1823. Still living in Billerica, Mass.

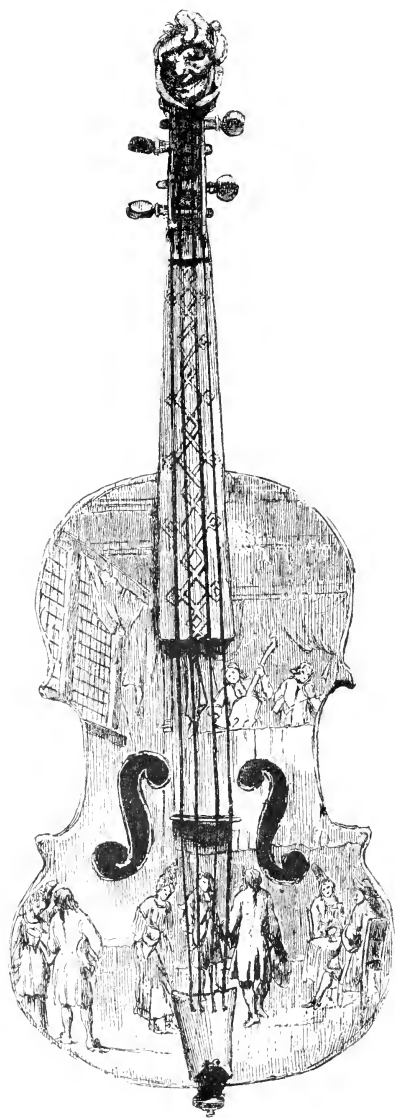
- (39.) John Gibson, md., March 3, 1808, Susannah Hale, of Jaffrey, who was b. Jan. 24, 1786. He was at one time a merchant. He d. June 5, 1836; his wife d. April 8, 1855.
45. Christopher C., b. Oct. 18, 1810; d. March 3, 1816.
46. Elvira, b. July 11, 1813; d. Nov. 22, 1868; unmd.; resided with her brother, and was an accomplished violinist and a beautiful singer.
47. Caroline S., b. Feb. 21, 1815; md. V. S. Holt.
48. Adaline, b. Feb. 7, 1820; d. Sept. 4, 1829.
49. Christopher Columbus, b. Aug. 24, 1824.†
50. Homer, b. July 23, 1827; d. Sept. 17, 1829.

- (40.) Jacob. Gibson, md., April 18, 1813, Sophronia, dau. of Dr. Whitney; b. in Westfield, Mass., Jan. 10, 1795; he d. in Wisconsin, December, 1869; his widow is still living; resides with her son, Dr. A. C. Gibson, in Green Bush, Wis. Dr. A. C. Gibson was b. in Hillsborough in 1823. Randolph, b. in this town in 1819; d. in Manchester. John S., living in Mo., b. 1830. Saphalia, md. R. P. Eaton, of Bradford, one of the best real estate lawyers in Wisconsin; resides Green Bay, Wisconsin. Sophronia, md., Randall Hoyt, of Dunbarton. Mr. Gibson was several times a member of the legislature in this state; resided here, Hillsborough, Newbury, and Weare.

- (49.) Christopher Columbus Gibson was b. in a house that stood where Thomas Brown now lives. He has always been a resident of this town, save when engaged in his profession. His family were all lovers of music, and when a mere child he manifested a great fondness for sweet sounds. His father was the owner of the violin, but never dreaming that his son would become early skilled in its use, he laid it aside. The son obtained possession of it, and soon performed several pieces in good time and tune. His



C. C. Gibson



father d. when he was young, leaving the care of the family upon him, and many hours were taken from his sleep to practice upon his violin. When Ole Bull first visited this country, Mr. Gibson went on foot to Boston to listen to his playing. In this undertaking he was warmly seconded by his sister Elvira, who spent much of her time in the practice upon the violin with her brother. Shortly after this he made the acquaintance of Ole Bull, which acquaintance has always been preserved. He was invited by Ole Bull to spend a year with him in Europe, but the health of his mother and sister prevented. In the winter of 1853 he made his first appearance in Tremont Temple, Boston, when his "Bird Fantasia" created much enthusiasm. In 1860 he gave concerts in Albany, Troy, and other cities in New York, and visited Washington, D. C., where he was warmly received. From that time forward his time has been largely occupied in giving concerts and teaching music. He is the owner of a wonderful violin, of great age and exquisite in tone. He is extremely modest and retiring, but has always given evidence of the highest musical genius, and is fully entitled to be called the "Ole Bull of America." Notwithstanding all his hindrances, and all his struggles in life, the little boy who used to beg of his father that he might play upon his violin, stands at the head of his profession in this country. At the World's Peace Jubilee in Boston, in 1872, Mr. Gibson was the only first violinist from this state. At the close of the first week the orchestra was reduced in numbers, only the best performers being retained. Mr. Gibson was the only American first violinist that was retained through the entire session. Many compliments were bestowed upon him by the master musicians of Europe. But it is not in the concert-

room, or the orchestra, that the sweetest music from his violin is heard. It is in his own home and by his own fireside, surrounded by a few friends, that his soul seems wrapt in his violin; such charming music, only matched by the "seraphic harpers." Mr. Gibson md. Mary Brown.

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1. Thaddeus Gibson, was a grandson of Dea. Timothy and cousin of Capt. Timothy, and fifth in line of descent from John.¹ The name of his father was probably Arrington; his place of birth is unknown, but very likely it was in the vicinity of Stowe, Mass., where so many of the family resided. He was b. in 1757; was a soldier in the Revolution; settled in Warner, in what is known as the Peabody pasture, but remained there only a short time; he md., in 1776 or 1777, Elizabeth Sumner, of Milford, Mass. The following is from the church record, of Milford, which was organized in 1740:

"Thaddeus Gibson, Elizabeth his wife and two children, Lois and Mary, came from Warner in Hampshire S^t, to reside in Milford, Jany 10 1782: taken in by James Sumner."

In 1783, Thaddeus came to this town and settled where Nahum Colby resides; nearly the entire portion of the township above him was then a wilderness; he was a strong, resolute, athletic man, and did much towards bringing that portion of the township into fruitful fields. He d. Feb. 23, 1834; his wife d. Mar. 17, 1819; he md., second wife, Mar. 30, 1831, Lydia Kemp.

2. Lewis (the *Lois*, probably, spoken of in the record), was b. in 1778; md., June 25, 1807, Lucy Whipple, of Lancaster, Mass.; he was one of the first teamsters from here to Boston. He d. Dec. 14, 1843; his wife d. Sept. 5, 1843.
3. Polly, b. 1780; md. John Whitcomb.
4. Nahum, b. July 14, 1783; md. Lydia Davis, of Lynde-

borough; lived where E. W. Rice resides. He d. Mar. 13, 1832; his widow md. John Stuart, of Warner; she d. Mar. 2, 1870.

5. 1. Elizabeth Sumner, b. Dec. 14, 1820; md., Aug. 14, 1845, William H. Wicks, of Falmouth; resides in Watertown, Mass. Two children,—one (L. F.) a teacher.
6. 2. Almira T., b. July 27, 1822; md. Trueman Cook; resides at Bellows Falls, Vt.
7. 3. James M., b. May 23, 1824; md. Adeline Colby, of Claremont; resides at Danville, Wis.
8. 4. William H., b. Sept. 21, 1825; md. Phebe Owens; resides at Butlerville, Ind.
9. 5. George W., b. June 23, 1827; md. — Davis; resides at Cambridge, Vt.
10. 6. Daniel D., b. March 10, 1829.
11. 7. Nahum D., b. Dec. 11, 1830; d. in 1834.
12. 8. Thaddeus E., b. April 10, 1832.

Born here.

13. Otis, b. in 1788; md., first wife, Rebecca Drother, who d. March 7, 1846; md., second wife, Harriet Pressey. He followed the occupation of a teamster from here to Boston until 1850, then engaged in farming; he d. Aug. 7, 1872.

Children of first wife.

14. 1. Horace, b. July 2, 1815.†
15. 2. Infant, b. May 10, 1843; d. June 14, 1843.

Children of second wife.

16. 3. Emily, b. May 10, 1843; md., first husband, — Buckley; second husband, Albert W. Barnes.
17. 4. Lewis, b. July 5, 1844; md. Elizabeth Farren.
18. Olive, b. Oct. 18, 1792; md. Joseph Wadsworth.
19. Abigail, b. June 1, 1794; md., Dec. 17, 1840, Daniel McCaine, of Francestown; resides in St. Paul, Minn.
20. Betsey G., b. in 1796; md. Ira Hayward, of Wilton: has one daughter (Lucinda), b. Aug. 20, 1834; md., and resides in Billerica, Mass.
21. Sally, b. —; md. William Swett; has two daughters,—Mary and Lovilla.
22. James, b. in 1800; md. Harriet, dau. of Elijah and Sarah (Cass) Pressey, and always resided in this town; was a miller and a farmer; he d. Sept. 3, 1875.
23. 1. Sarah E., b. Feb. 17, 1836; md. Hiram Marsh.
24. 2. Mary F., b. Oct. 3, 1839; unmd.
25. 3. Harriet L., b. March 3, 1841; d. Jan. 8, 1870.

- (14.) Horace Gibson, md. Mary, dau. of Micah and Persis Howe, of this town; followed the occupation of a teamster until 1848, when he engaged in the mercantile business, which he followed most of the time until his death; was for several years engaged in the manufacture of mackerel-kits; was town-clerk from 1855 until 1863, and post-master from 1861 until 1874; was a member of the first band of music in town, and a very prominent one in the last; he was an excellent musician. He was an honest, upright man; he d. May 23, 1875; his wife d. Feb. 9, 1875.
26. Horace W., b. Feb. 19, 1845; d. Aug. 8, 1846.
27. Mary Louisa, b. Dec. 27, 1847; d. June 27, 1867.
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GILE.

1. Ebenezer Gile, came to this town as early as 1765 or 1766, from Marlborough, Mass. There is but little record of his children; his sons Joshua and Noah came with him; they settled upon what is known as Noyes hill. He was a prominent man in the township for several years; was moderator of the first meeting of the town after its incorporation, and was chairman of the first board of selectmen. He died about 1771; his daughter Lydia died shortly after he came to town, aged 15 years. Her decease is the third recorded upon the first manuscript record of deaths.
 2. Joshua Gile, md. Hannah ——. He was often in office, as was also his brother Noah.
 3. Martha, b. Nov. 28, 1761. 4. Jacob, b. Feb., 1764.
 5. Rhene, b. Feb. 2, 1767. 6. Reuben, b. July 31, 1769.
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7. Noah Gile, md. Elizabeth Kimball.
 8. John, b. May 6, 1772.
 9. Lydia, b. Dec. 5, 1773; d. Oct. 3, 1776.

This name soon disappeared from the town.

GILMORE.

1. David Gilmore, son of John Gilmore, was b. in Warner, March 30, 18—, and came to this town and settled where Mr. Flint now resides. He md., Nov. 14, 1822, Martha Ward, of Bradford. He d. April 26, 1852.
 2. William Harrison, b. Feb. 22, 1823.+
 3. Sally T., b. Dec. 13, 1825.
 4. Joel T., b. Aug. 5, 1827; d. April 30, 1859.
 5. Nancy S., b. Sept. 24, 1830; md. William Osborne.
 6. Martha M., b. Jan. 22, 1834; d. Oct., 1866.
 7. Mary E., b. April 26, 1838; md. Joseph Marsh.
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2. William Harrison Gilmore was b. in Warner, but came to this town when quite young, with his father. Remaining at home until nearly of majority, he entered the office of the *Nashua Gazette* to learn the trade of printer. He afterwards removed to Manchester, and in company with Hon. John H. Goodale, commenced the publication of the *Union Democrat*, disposing of his interest shortly after to James M. Campbell. He was also at one time connected with the *Journal of Agriculture*, published at Manchester, and was for nine years connected with *The People*, printed at Concord, and for several years was its agricultural editor. He was the inventor of the first machine for folding newspapers. He was for several years one of the state auditors of the state printer's accounts. During the last years of his life he was much interested in agricultural pursuits, and was widely and favorably known for his writings upon that subject. As a citizen, he was much interested in whatever tended to the prosperity of the town. He was stricken with paralysis on Sunday, April 21, 1878, and d. May 2, following. He md., for his first wife, June 13, 1851, Mehitable E., dau. of B. F. and Sally T.

Noyes, who d. April 25, 1865 ; and he md., for his second wife, July 8, 1869, Sarah T. Noyes, a sister of his first wife.

Children by first wife.

8. Willie Temple, b. Jan. 27, 1853 ; d. Feb. 6, 1854.
9. Edward G., b. Dec. 18, 1854.
10. Alice Temple, b. Feb. 14, 1865.

Child by second wife.

11. Infant, b. July 20, 1876.
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GLOVER.

1. Warren Glover, son of William and Sarah Glover, and grandson of David, whose father Joseph came from Ireland, was b. in Warner, Feb. 8, 1828 ; md., Dec. 23, 1851, Mary D., dau. of James M. and Judith C. Flanders, who was b. in Hopkinton, March 27, 1835, and d. in this town Dec. 23, 1878.
 2. Eliza M., b. May 8, 1853 ; md. Fred. H. Colby.
 3. Georgie H., b. Dec. 23, 1854 ; md. John S. Ripley.
 4. Frankie N., b. Nov. 5, 1858 ; md. Charles H. Cutter.
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GOODWIN.

1. Thaddeus Goodwin, son of Thaddeus, came to this town with his father from Mont Vernon, and settled in the south-west part of the town, near the covered bridge now on the road leading to Hillsborough. He md., Sept. 3, 1824, Dolly, dau. of Nathaniel Kezer, of this town. Children all born in Henniker except the second and third, who were born in Deering.
2. Rosetta, b. June 11, 1825 ; d. June 11, 1842.
3. Mehitable, b. Sept. 7, 1827 ; d. May 9, 1830.
4. Rachel, b. Sept. 7, 1829 ; d. Nov. 20, 1853.
5. Isaac, b. June 26, 1831 ; d. Nov. 20, 1853.
6. Lydia F., b. June 20, 1833 ; md., Nov. 13, 1853, Dimon Barker ; went west ; d. 1862.
7. Bashaba, b. Aug. 1, 1834 ; d. April 9, 1835.

8. Charles E., b. July 25, 1837; was one of the first in this town to enlist in the late war; member of Co. B. 2d N. H. Vols.; discharged Feb. 28, 1863.
 9. Sarah Ann, b. April 14, 1840; md. John Dwinells; d. Nov., 1869.
 10. Levina J., b. Sept. 1, 1842; md. Buren Carter.
 11. George, b. Feb. 17, 1844; d. Jan. 6, 1854.
 12. Harriet, b. Aug. 28, 1846; d. Jan. 5, 1847.
 13. Henry C., b. Nov. 10, 1847.
 14. Alfred B., b. Oct. 29, 1849.
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GOODENOW.

1. Thomas Goodenow was in Sudbury, Mass., in 1638; was one of the selectmen of Marlborough, Mass., in 1661, 1662, 1664.
2. John Goodenow, fourth in line of descent, had several children; resided at one time in this town.
3. John Goodenow, son of John, and fifth in line of descent from Thomas, was a soldier in the Revolution; md. Rebecca Tyler, and settled in this town about 1780; resided where Mr. Martin now lives; removed from here to Brownfield, Me., in 1802, where he and his wife died. His children were all born here except the last. Rarely does a family present such an eminent record.
4. John, b. Feb. 17, 1786; d. in Fryeburg, Me., July 31, 1813; was an eminent lawyer for his years.
5. Phebe A., b. Oct. 18, 1787; d. Dec. 31, 1804, in Brownfield.
6. Rufus King, b. April 24, 1790; graduated at West Point; commanded a company of U. S. soldiers in the war of 1812; became a lawyer; was clerk of the S. J. Court of Oxford county, Me., seventeen years; was a member of the Thirty-First Congress in 1849; a man of much ability; d. in Paris, Me., 1863.
7. Sally C. L., b. March 7, 1792; md. — Spring, and lives with her son in Fryeburg; remarkably vigorous and well preserved.
8. Daniel, b. Oct. 31, 1793; an able lawyer; speaker of the House of Representatives of Maine in 1830, '31,

- '32; was elected speaker the first time after a three days' contest by one vote,—a member of the opposition having been unseated, he having been elected by one vote, which vote was cast after the polls had been closed; was the Whig candidate for governor, receiving 27,000 votes out of a poll of 60,000; was attorney-general of the state in 1838; justice of the supreme court from 1855 to 1862; d. in Alfred, Me., Oct., 1863.
9. William G., b. Sept. 16, 1796; was a lawyer, and had a high reputation; resided in Portland, and was at the head of the bar in that city; he d. Sept. 9, 1863.
10. Robert G., b. April 19, 1800; was a lawyer of much ability; bank examiner of Maine in 1858, '59, 60, '61; was a member of the Thirty-Second Congress in 1851; d. in Farmington, Me., May 15, 1874.
11. Valorea G., b. Nov. 1, 1802, in Brownfield, Me; lives in Malden; widow of Daniel P. Stone, the millionaire.
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GORDON.

1. Alexander Gordon came from Scotland, in 1650, in Capt. Allen's ship, and settled in Exeter, where he d. in 1697. He had a son,
2. Daniel Abner, who lived in South Hampton, Pembroke, and Hopkinton. He had three sons.
3. Amos, resided in Lincoln, Me.
4. Abel. + 5. Jonathan. +
6. Jeremiah, b. 1752; d. in Henniker, Jan. 20, 1833.
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- (4.) Abel Gordon, md. Hannah George, of Salem, Mass., and came to this town from Hopkinton in 1795, and settled upon some land running to and bordering upon the brook northerly from the plain now owned by D. W. Cogswell. The house stood at the easterly end, near the brook. The property is now owned by A. R. Flanders. His children were all b. in Hopkinton save the youngest. He d. March 8, 1837; his wife d. April 17, 1828.
7. Molly, b. Aug. 20, 1788. 8. Hannah, b. April 1, 1790.
9. Polly, b. Aug. 20, 1791; md., May 8, 1823, Amos

Colby, of Warner, who d. at Hartland, Vt., in 1839.
She d. Aug. 27, 1873.

10. 1. Abel, b. Sept. 19, 1823. He will be remembered as the deformed man, but was kindly cared for by his numerous friends. He d. March 2, 1878.
11. Abner, b. Dec. 27, 1793; d. Aug. 20, 1825.
12. Abel, b. 1795, in western New York.

- (5.) Jonathan Gordon, md. Mehitable Eastman, of Salisbury; came to this town in 1795, and settled where J. C. Kilburn now resides. He d. March 13, 1827. His wife d. June 20, 1832.

13. Samuel, b. Dec. 15, 1772; d. March 12, 1831. +
14. David, b. May 27, 1774. +
15. Jonathan, b. July 23, 1776; d. Dec. 22, 1844.
16. Hannah, b. June 24, 1778; md. Luther Whitney.
17. Sarah, b. July 25, 1780; md. John Stuart.
18. Jeremiah, b. March 26, 1783.
19. Enoch, b. May 28, 1785. +
20. Jacob, b. May 15, 1788. +
21. Mehitable, b. 1792; md. January 12, 1816, Ebenezer Chase, of Deering. Three children, Mary Ann, Hannah, Almira.

- (13.) Samuel Gordon, md. Sally Colby, of this town, in 1795; who was b. July 10, 1774, and resided south-westerly from the present residence of Albert C. Clark, and owned a farm adjoining his father's on the west. His children b. in this town.

22. Aphia F., b. Oct. 6, 1796. 23. Sally, b. Jan. 22, 1798.
24. Samuel, b. Jan. 5, 1800; md. Eliza Tucker, and resided upon a portion of the old homestead; d. August, 1870.
25. Ednah, b. Feb. 13, 1806; d. July 16, 1852.
26. Thomas J., b. Sept. 30, 1807; d. Jan. 27, 1808.
27. Thomas C., b. Oct. 31, 1808. +
28. Betsey, b. July 31, 1810; md. Cyrus Tucker.

- (14.) David Gordon, md. Polly, dau. of George Hoyt, of Weare, in 1800. He d. —; his wife d. Jan. 18, 1852.

29. John, b. July 31, 1801; md. Lucy Smith for his first wife. One child, David. Second wife, Hannah Mason, four children,—Alma, Hiram, George, Hoyt. John resided in Lynn; d. there.
30. Asa, b. July 24, 1803.†
31. Jacob, b. April 13, 1805; md. Eunice Lovering, of Deering. Two children. Clara md. Wm. G. Harri- man. Jacob d. at Calais, Me.
32. Jonathan, b. April 5, 1807.†
33. Cyrus, b. March 4, 1809.†
34. Mary, b. Sept. 27, 1811; md. Russell Tubbs, of Deer- ing; d. in 1876. One child, dead.
35. Eliza, b. Oct. 28, 1815; m. Willard Brooks, of Han- cock. Three children.
36. Mehitable, b. May 13, 1817; md., first time, Jeremiah Davis, Lemington, Me.; second, James Ellis, Lynn, Mass. Four children by last husband; reside in Lynn.
37. James, b. July 2, 1819; resides in Lynn; unmd.
38. Enos, b. June 4, 1821; md. Betsey Lewis, of Lynn; resides there; five children.
39. David, b. May 23, 1823.†

(19.) Enoch Gordon, md. Lydia Sargent, of Pembroke, in 1811; resided in this town until 1830; then moved to Woodstock.

40. Thirza, b. Jan. 26, 1812.
41. Julia Ann, b. Aug. 28, 1813.
42. Jonathan S., b. May 6, 1815.
43. William H., b. Feb. 4, 1817.
44. Enoch M., b. April 22, 1819. 45. Edward, b. 1821.

The average height of father and sons was 6 feet 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches.

(20.) Jacob Gordon, md. Lydia Smith, March 24, 1814, and resided upon the old homestead. He d. May 6, 1872. His wife d. Dec. 8, 1860.

46. Hiram E., b. Sept. 16, 1817.†
47. Freeman M., b. March 3, 1819.†
48. Emily K., b. Dec. 5, 1821; md. Abram Goldsmith, of Salem, Mass., March 22, 1849.
49. Jacob, b. Nov. 14, 1822; d. Nov. 16, 1822.
50. Fanny S., b. Dec. 22, 1824; md. Augustus B. Brooks, Manchester, Mass., Aug. 31, 1854.

51. Laura W., b. March 14, 1826; md. Benjamin F. Clark, of this town, Jan. 3, 1848.
52. Gilbert G., b. Jan. 1, 1828; was for many years station-agent at Manchester; resided upon the old homestead the last years of his life; md. Lavina O., dau. of Carlton S. and Delilah Dodge, who d. Jan. 2, 1871; md., second wife, Nov. 18, 1871, Judith B. Wood. He d. Dec. 31, 1874.
53. Francis A., b. Feb. 3, 1830; md. Martha D. McGaw, of Merrimack, Oct. 28, 1863; resided at home with his father until after his marriage, when he settled in Merrimack, where he still resides.
54. 1. Robert McGaw, b. Aug. 19, 1871.
55. 2. Arthur Gilbert, b. Jan. 27, 1876.
56. Lucy B., b. June 6, 1832; md. George L. Kimball, of Hopkinton, May 26, 1855; resides in San Diego, Cal.: four children,—Laura F., Clinton F., Gilbert G., Augustus B.

(27.) Thomas Gordon, md. Phebe Paige.

57. Eliza T., b. April 28, 1834; md. I. F. Connor.

(30.) Asa Gordon, md. Lydia, dau. of Cutting and Ruth Favor, Sept. 3, 1841; resides in Hancock, and is a farmer. Children born in this town.

58. Andrew F., b. Sept. 22, 1842.

59. Hannah M., b. Nov. 1, 1844.

(32.) Jonathan Gordon, md., April 3, 1832, Mary, dau. of Cutting and Ruth Favor.

60. Harrison, b. June 17, 1834; d. July 31, 1841.

61. Lydia Maria, b. July 28, 1835; md. Augustus Morgan.

62. Antoinette P., b. March 2, 1836; md. Timothy Peaslee.

63. David R., b. Sept. 11, 1838; unmd.

64. Mary F., b. Feb. 28, 1840; md. Joseph Huntington.

65. Elizabeth, b. Aug. 4, 1841. 66. Henry, b. May 11, 1843.

67. George, b. March 28, 1845.

68. Elmira Gibson, b. Feb. 4, 1847.

69. Harry, b. Sept. 11, 1853.

(33.) Cyrus Gordon, md. Olive Jessamine, Sept. 1, 1836.

70. Laura, b. June 13, 1837. 71. Ruhanah, b. Oct. 22, 1839.

72. Asa, b. Dec. 31, 1840; d. May 25, 1863.
 73. Sarah M., b. March 1, 1846; d. Dec. 4, 1865.
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- (39.) David Gordon, md. Mary Keen, of Calais, Me., Feb. 9, 1848; resides in Calais; children born in this town.
74. Olive L., b. Nov. 24, 1850.
 75. George C., b. Jan. 31, 1853.
 76. Helen M., b. March 30, 1856. 77. Horace, b. Oct. 23, 1860.
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- (46.) Hiram Gordon, md., Sept. 17, 1843, Bethiah D. Putnam, of Salem, Mass., where he has resided the larger part of the time since.
78. Ella J., b. in Danvers, Mass., Sept. 2, 1845; d. Aug. 24, 1846.
 79. Ella G., b. Nov. 17, 1846.
 80. Frank E., b. Salem, Mass., Oct. 7, 1851.
 81. Emma J., b. Salem, Mass., Oct. 21, 1860.
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- (47.) Freeman M. Gordon, md. April 17, 1850, Sarah L., dau. of Edmund and Pamela Mirick, of this town, and resides in Clinton, Mass.; children all born in Clinton.
82. Marion A., b. Aug. 12, 1852.
 83. Helen M., b. May 24, 1854.
 84. Harris F., b. Jan. 13, 1864.
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GOSS.

- i. Ephraim Goss, was b. in Lancaster, Mass.; came to this town when quite a young man, and commenced his clearing upon the farm now owned by Mrs. Robert D. Rice; he exchanged farms soon after with Samuel Wadsworth, and settled where his grandson now resides. He was one of the first to respond to the appeal for help after the skirmish at Lexington, April 19, 1775, and saw considerable service in the war of the Revolution; was highly honored and respected by his fellow-citizens, and was a true patriot, citizen,

and Christian. Laid the mortar in the old meeting-house. He md. Ruth, dau. of Annas and Abigail Campbell; he d. Aug. 2, 1838; his wife d. March 8, 1861.

2. Sally, b. Oct. 17, 1785; d. April 11, 1819; unmd.
3. Calvin, b. Nov. 16, 1787; d. Aug., 1828.
4. Polly, b. Oct. 21, 1789; d. April 6, 1790.
5. Polly, b. Oct. 29, 1791; md. Edward Whitman, Feb. 11, 1811.
6. Jacob C., b. June 4, 1794. +
7. Annas, b. Sept. 4, 1796. +
8. Betsey, b. Dec. 10, 1798; md. Samuel Morrison, Sept. 3, 1818.
9. Luther, b. Jan. 30, 1801. +
10. Catherine, b. Sept. 20, 1804; md. Franklin Pettingill.
11. Cyrus, b. July 20, 1807. +
12. Worcester, b. July 22, 1809. + 13. Mary.

(6.) Jacob C. Goss, fitted for college at Kimball Union Academy at Meriden; graduated at Dartmouth college in Aug., 1820; taught school a few weeks in Concord, then entered the Theological Seminary at Andover, Mass., where he remained three years; he then entered upon the work of the ministry, spending his first year as a missionary in the employ of the Young Men's Missionary Society, of Charleston, S. C., and labored in the Barnwell district. In 1824 he began labors in Topsham, Me., where he was ordained as pastor of the First Congregational church and parish, Dec. 8, 1824; he remained there seven years; was dismissed, and commenced labor in Topsham, Me., where he was installed, Aug. 26, 1835; he remained there until 1843, when he was dismissed at his own request. He supplied the pulpit in Sanford, Me., for a short time, then went to Phippsburg, where he had married Hannah A., daughter of Hon. Mark Langdon Hill, in Dec., 1827. He remained there, tilling some land of which he was the possessor, until 1850, when he was settled over the Second church in Wells,

Me. His health soon became greatly impaired, and he severed his connection with this church in 1853; came to Concord, where he resided the remainder of his days, occasionally supplying the pulpits of neighboring ministers, and also at Randolph Centre, Vt., where he preached some time. He died in Concord, April 22, 1860. He preached at Fisherville on the 8th of the same month, and contracted a violent cold, which terminated his life suddenly. Mr. Goss was possessed of a kind heart, and was genial and loving in his disposition, endearing himself to all with whom he became acquainted. He was a sound theologian, clear in his statements, an earnest preacher, and excelled as a faithful pastor; he passed to his reward universally respected and lamented.

14. Fanny A.; unmd.

(7.) Annas Goss, md. Achsah, dau. of George and Hannah Connor, Feb. 24, 1820; he d. Sept. 25, 1865; his widow d. Feb. 16, 1878.

15. Sarah, b. June 16, 1821; md., first husband, Seth Emerson, of Hopkinton, Dec. 16, 1848, who d. Aug. 1, 1864; md., second husband, Thomas ——. She resides at Port Huron, Mich.

16. Walter H., b. Aug. 4, 1824; d. Dec. 24, 1848.

17. George C., b. Nov. 29, 1826; md. Mary Whittier, of Deerfield, Jan. 1, 1858.

18. 1. Walter H., b. March 20, 1860; resides in Candia.

19. Caroline C., b. Jan. 30, 1831; md. — Whitney.

20. Enoch Winter, b. May 28, 1836. [See Roll of Honor.]

(9.) Luther Goss, md. Sally Colby, of Bradford, and resided near the homestead. He d. Sept. 22, 1865; his widow is still living.

21. Solon, b. Feb. 25, 1830; d. March 19, 1830.

22. Lydia C., b. May 26, 1831. 23. Helen, b. Mar. 19, 1834.

24. Julia M., b. April 7, 1837; md. Charles S. Foster.

25. David P., b. Aug. 12, 1842; d. June 26, 1843.

26. Elizabeth M., b. Nov. 27, 1844; md. Fitz E. Cogswell.
 27. Ephraim P., b. Nov. 27, 1844; md. Sarah E., dau. of
 Alexander W. and Harriet Connor, Jan. 11, 1876.
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(11.) Cyrus Goss, md. Betsey P., dau. of Samuel Wilson,
 March 3, 1829; he always resided upon the home-
 stead; one of the selectmen of the town several years,
 and representative in the legislature in 1861 and '62;
 he d. Dec. 2, 1877; his widow is still living.

28. Franklin, b. Oct. 20, 1830.†
 29. Solon, b. March 2, 1836.†.
 30. Frances J., b. Jan. 27, 1840.
 31. Mary C., b. May 20, 1844.
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(12.) Worcester Goss, md. Jane W., dau. of Samuel Wilson,
 Jan. 30, 1840.

32. John, b. Dec. 15, 1848; unmd.
 33. Fannie, b. Aug. 4, 1852; unmd.
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(28.) Franklin Goss, md. Ellen M., dau. of George W. and
 Mary L. Cogswell.

34. George C., b. Aug. 3, 1863; his wife d. Aug. 3, 1863,
 and he md., second wife, Lucy, dau. of Harris and
 Martha W. Campbell.
 35. Willie C., b. Aug. 17, 1868.
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(29.) Solon Goss, md. Elizabeth C. Gove, of Weare, May 31,
 1859; he d. Feb. 8, 1869.

36. Jennie L., b. Jan. 14, 1862.
 37. Nellie M., b. March 3, 1865.
 38. Katie, b. June 14, 1868; d.
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GOULD.

1. Elias Gould was one of five brothers, all of whom
 served in the Revolutionary army; was born in New-
 bury, Mass. In 1737, in company with his brother
 Gideon, he settled in Hopkinton, and before the Rev-

olution, md. Gertrude Davis, who was born in Amesbury, Mass., in 1745 ; was a sister of Gen. Aquila Davis, and grand-daughter of Capt. Francis Davis, both of whom were among the early settlers in Warner ; she was a woman of rare attainments. He lived in Hopkinton until shortly after the commencement of the present century, when, having disposed of his homestead to his son Ichabod, he came to this town, and lived with his son Elias until his death, Nov. 11, 1816 ; his wife d. Dec. 17, 1831.

2. Elias, b. Sept. 20, 1771 ; d. Nov., 1776.
3. Ichabod, b. June 5, 1774. 4. Elias, b. Aug. 18, 1779.†
5. Francis, b. Aug. 8, 1782 ; printer at Haverhill, Mass.
6. Gertrude, b. Jan. 20, 1787. This family was recorded on the records of Hopkinton, March 11, 1805, by request of the father, Elias Gould.

- (4.) Elias Gould, md., 1799, or 1800, Sally Hilton, of Parsonsfield, Me., a woman of superior intellect, genial disposition, and endowed with those faculties that enabled her to make her home pleasant for all its inmates. She lived to a ripe old age, and was greatly beloved by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. Mr. Gould came to this town in 1800, and engaged in tanning and currying leather where his son Gilbert does at the present time ; he was also a shoemaker by trade ; built the house now owned by his son about 1817, where he d. April 24, 1845 ; his wife d. Nov. 5, 1867. Mr. Gould was for many years librarian of the town library that existed three fourths of a century ago ; was very industrious, upright in all his dealings, and a worthy citizen.

7. Lucinda, b. Dec. 15, 1802. [See Thompson.]
8. Caroline, b. Nov. 16, 1804 ; md. Robert Wallace.
9. Carlos H., b. Oct. 18, 1806.†
10. Clarissa, b. Oct. 11, 1808 ; d. Jan. 1, 1809.
11. Clarissa, b. Feb. 28, 1811 ; md. Chevey Chase.
12. Sally, b. Feb. 19, 1814 ; d. April 17, 1828.



Very Truly Yours,
C. H. Gould

13. Gilbert D., b. Feb. 6, 1816. +
 14. Henrietta M., b. June 27, 1819; md. Charles E. French.
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- (9.) Carlos Hilton Gould, son of Elias and Sally Gould, worked with his father at tanning of leather and at farming until 17 or more years of age: attended the summer and winter schools of that period, which, with one quarter at Pembroke academy and one quarter at a select school in this town, constituted the sum total of his schooling. He was fond of hunting, and would leave any pleasure for it, and, with the old English fowling-piece carried in the Revolutionary war by his grandfather, would roam the woods in search of game. He has still in his possession the old powder-horn used by his grandfather. In its bottom, on a piece of paper, is this inscription: "Newbury December ye 1766. Elias Gould his horn." After leaving his father's he was engaged in store and tavern for two or three years; he then, being in delicate health, as he had been from boyhood, went to Boston, where he remained a short time, and then to Cincinnati, where he has since resided, with the exception of ten years in Clermont county, near Cincinnati. Arriving at Cincinnati after a journey of two weeks, and among strangers, he found his letter of recommendation, signed by Judge Darling, Rev. Jacob Scales, Artemas Rogers, and Page Eaton, valuable to him in obtaining employment. For upwards of thirty years he has been the senior partner in the firm of Gould, Pearce & Co., manufacturers and dealers in cotton goods. For many years he has been one of the active men in the business and public affairs of Cincinnati; has contributed papers to the press upon city government, schools, manufacturing, commerce, &c.; has for many years been an active worker in the various religious and benevolent institutions of the city; has been an elder in one of its largest Protestant churches for nearly a quarter of a century; president of the Cincinnati Union Bethel Board; an active worker in the School Board and in the Young Men's Christian Association; and was president of the Committee of Safety, an organization for the improvement of the city government and for the protection of tax-payers. Mr. Gould is also an inventor. April 30, 1867, he received a patent for an "Improved Steam Boiler." The *Scientific American*, a very high authority, said "it combines all the good qualities of the best boilers in use," and is valuable in its combinations. Mr. Gould md.,

1832, Mrs. Malinda Dart, by whom he had one child, Charles Whitney, b. in 1838; his wife d. in 1856. He md., in 1859, Josephine B. Hall, of Wellsburg, West Va. : had by this marriage three children,—Sallie Hilton, b. 1860, Mary Josephine, b. 1862, and Carlos Lincoln, b. 1866. His son Charles Whitney was educated at Cincinnati, and at Bethany college, Va. Being constitutionally an asthmatic, he lived several years in Texas, but finally settled in Los Angeles, Cal., where he d. June 2, 1876, universally lamented. At the time of his death he was auditor of the city of Los Angeles. The following notice of his death is taken from a Cincinnati paper :

The following copy of proceedings of the district court of Los Angeles will interest the friends of the deceased and of his father's family in this city and vicinity :

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, LOS ANGELES CO., CAL.
LOS ANGELES, CAL., — 1876.

C. H. GOULD, ESQ. :

SIR: By order of the Hon. Y. Sepulveda, District Judge of the Seventeenth Judicial District of the state of California, I inclose to you the proceedings of said district court, had on the occasion of the death of Charles W. Gould, late deputy county clerk, and auditor of the county of Los Angeles.

I remain, dear sir, yours respectfully,

A. W. POTTS, *County Clerk.*

By E. H. OWEN, *Deputy.*

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

At 10 o'clock this morning, on the opening of the district court, Colonel J. G. Howard, representing the bar of Los Angeles, arose and read the following lines of respect to Charles W. Gould :

The bar of Los Angeles feel it a duty to formally express their regard for an officer of the court, just deceased.

Brought in incessant contact with Charley Gould for the past six years, they learned his merits. In charge of a department of annoying complications, he never manifested impatience, or petulance, or discourtesy. They ever found him urbane, and ready for any labor, however exhausting. They bear willing testimony to his marked competency, his thorough aptitude, and familiarity with every detail. He was a man of pure instincts. His accomplishments were not clerical alone. He was a ripe scholar. Unassuming, yet firm, his uniform courtesy and kindness of heart created about him an atmosphere of friendships. He had no enemy among the bar.

As a manifestation of our esteem, we respectfully ask the court, probably his warmest friend, that this brief expression of our regard be spread upon the court minutes, with the request that the clerk of the court transmit copies of the same to

his surviving father and mourning relict, and that the court adjourn in evidence of our sorrow.

Hon. Ygnacio Sepulveda, the presiding judge, responded to Colonel Howard's request, as follows :

GENTLEMEN OF THE BAR: I deplore most profoundly the death of Charles W. Gould. In the two courts in which it has been my lot to preside for over six years, I have had daily opportunities to appreciate his sterling worth, the infinite kindness of his heart, his fine abilities, and his conscientious attachment to duty. This tribunal has lost by his death one of its most efficient arms in the discharge of its functions.

In deep sympathy with the universal sorrow, as a tribute to his memory and as a lasting testimony of our affectionate remembrance, it is ordered that the proceedings of this day be entered of record here, and that this court do now adjourn until Wednesday, the 7th inst., at 9 A. M.

- (13.) Gilbert D. Gould, md., first wife, Jan. 18, 1842, Emeline Cross, of Lancaster, who d. Aug. 25, 1855; and he md., second wife, Oct. 5, 1858, Lizzie B. Neal, of South Berwick, Me.; resides on the homestead.

Children by first wife.

15. Ella Frances, b. Aug. 3, 1845; md., June 28, 1871, Amos D. Gould, of Boston.
 16. 1. Emeline, b. April 2, 1872; d. Sept. 22, 1872.
 17. Fred M., b. March 9, 1852; d. July 29, 1852.
 18. Caroline, b. Aug. 14, 1855; d. Aug. 27, 1855.

Children by second wife.

19. Frederic A., b. Jan. 13, 1860.
 20. Edward C., b. Dec. 20, 1861.
 21. Nelson G., b. Jan. 20, 1864.
 22. Alfred B., b. June 28, 1867.
 23. Hilton E., b. Aug. 6, 1869. 24. Annie, b. Aug. 23, 1873.

1. Amos Gould, was b. in Marlborough, Mass., Aug. 18, 1731. He md. Mary —, 1755, and was one of the earliest settlers of this town. [See Early Settlers.] He was the second clerk of the town, and often in office. His first wife d. Aug. 12, 1797; and he md., second wife, Ann Howe, dau. of Eliakim and Rebecca Howe, of Henniker, who d. Sept. 18, 1807. He d. Oct. 28, 1807.
2. Mary, b. Sept. 30, 1756; d. 1757.
 3. Hannah, b. Aug. 23, 1758; d. young.

4. William, b. Sept. 7, 1760.
 5. Mary, b. Sept. 7, 1760; d. Jan. 12, 1767.
Children b. here.
 6. Lydia, b. Feb. 10, 1763.
 7. Sarah, b. March 30, 1765; d. 1779.
 8. James, b. Jan. 18, 1767; d. 1767.
 9. Joseph, b. Jan. 18, 1767; d. 1767.
 10. John, b. Jan. 10, 1768.†
 11. Elizabeth, b. March 5, 1770; md., Nov. 14, 1805, B. Danforth.
 12. Hannah, b. Feb. 26, 1772; md., Oct. 5, 1791, Jacob Jones.
 13. Asa, b. March 10, 1774; md., Dec. 25, 1796, Sally Bowman.
 14. Infant, b. 1778; d. March 14, 1779.
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(10.) John Gould, md. Nancy Kezer, of this town; resided most of his days upon the "Patty Eastman place." He d. March 29, 1845, from falling down cellar.

15. Elizabeth, b. Nov. 1, 1786; md. Zadok Duston.
 16. Polly, b. 1788; md., first, Jedediah Danforth.
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1. Benjamin Gould, resided many years where A. D. Favor lives; was at one time captain of the West company of the militia of this town. He d. April 29, 1808.

2. Pliny, b. April 29, 1797.
 3. Elbridge, b. Feb. 6, 1799.
 4. Benjamin, b. Jan. 13, 1801.
 5. Abigail, b. Mar. 5, 1803.
 6. Sophronia, b. July 13, 1805.
 7. Lucinda, b. Dec. 22, 1807.
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1. Daniel C. Gould, md. Lavina M. Holmes, of Francestown; came to this town in 1825, and built the house lately owned by John S. Craig, and the store adjoining, where he traded until 1840, when he removed to Manchester, where he was employed for many years as agent of the C. R. R. station. He represented this town in the legislature in 1839-'40; was town-clerk from 1834 to 1839; was chorister at the Congregational church for many years. He was an honest, faithful citizen. He d. in Manchester. His wife d. Aug. 17, 1841. Children born in this town.

2. Oliver H., b. Mar. 7, 1831.
3. Charles F., b. Apr. 8, 1833.

4. Lavina A., b. May 15, 1835.
 5. Francis H., b. Dec. 23, 1837.
 6. Daniel C., b. March 13, 1841; pay-master Stark corporation, Manchester.
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GOVE.

1. Abraham Gove, son of Abraham and Mary Gove, was b. in Deering, in 1780. He settled upon the farm so well known by his name in the easterly part of the town. He md. Nancy Jones. He was a worthy citizen, and an excellent farmer. He d. May 26; his wife d. —.
 2. —, b. Nov. 23, 1804.
 3. Louisa, b. Dec. 19, 1807; d.
 4. Sophia, b. May 3, 1809; md. Burton Wadsworth.
 5. Mark, b. April 8, 1811.†
 6. Alfred, b. Jan. 17, 1813; d. Oct. 20, 1820.
 7. Wyer, b. June 24, 1814.†
 8. Lydia, b. Feb. 29, 1816.
 9. Mary, b. April 9, 1818; md. — Bryant, Lawrence. Aug. 14, 1867.
 10. Jennette, b. Aug. 29, 1819; md. Mark Pettee, Feb. 1, 1842.
 11. Harriet, b. Dec. 9, 1821.
 12. Charlotte, b. June 7, 1824.
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- (5.) Mark Gove, md. Sarah Sargent, of this town; moved to Newport in 1839; selectman in 1851. Children b. there. His wife d. Aug. 16, 1879.
 13. Mary E., b. Feb. 21, 1843.
 14. Mark A., b. Nov. 22, 1846.
 15. Ira F., b. June 12, 1849.
 16. Geo. A., b. April 27, 1853.
 17. Celia A., b. Sept. 20, 1855.
 18. Madora A., b. Sept. 7, 1861.
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- (7.) Wyer Gove, md., March 4, 1847, Mary C. Piper, and resided upon the old homestead until recently, when he moved to "Cass hill," Hopkinton.
 19. Levina Ann, b. Jan. 10, 1842; d. Aug. 31, 1844.
 20. Charles F., b. March 3, 1845; md. Ella Saltmarsh.
 21. George P., b. Nov. 23, 1846; md., Jan. 2, 1874, Mary E. Rowell.
 22. John F., b. April 16, 1849; md. Mary A. Felch.

23. Ebenezer Gove, brother to Abraham, was b. in Deering, and md. Anna —, who d. Oct. 2, 1845; md., Mar. 30, 1846, Maranda French, Hopkinton, and settled in this town upon the farm a short distance from that of his brother, now owned by C. C. French. His wife d. Sept. 18, 1850.
24. Abram, b. Aug. 17, 1812. 25. Silas, b. June 5, 1814.
 26. Lucinda, b. June 19, 1823; md. J. E. Piper; d. Sept. 7, 1860.
 27. Warren, b. Sept. 26, 1825.
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28. Joseph Gove, resided in this town many years; but little record.
29. Peter, b. July 29, 1812. 30. Eunice, b. May 12, 1814.
 31. Jonathan H., b. May 12, 1819; d. Jan. 23, 1821.
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32. David Gove, son of Edmund, was b. in Seabrook; he resided in the south part of the town, and was part owner of the linseed oil-mill.
33. James, b. Dec. 23, 1816. 34. Imri, b. Sept. 3, 1818.
 35. Elijah, b. Dec. 20, 1820. 36. Enoch P., b. Jan. 19, 1823.
 37. Johnson, b. Dec. 11, 1824. 38. Edmund, b. Dec. 30, 1826.
 39. Mary, b. Mar. 5, 1829. 40. George, b. Mar. 29, 1833.
 41. Sarah C., b. June 7, 1835.
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- (34.) Imri Gove, md. Cornelia Trussell, of Sutton, Vt.; miller and mechanic.
42. Ella A., b. Aug. 23, 1854. 43. Elvira, b. May 10, 1856.
 44. Mary S., b. June 8, 1857. 45. Chas. W., b. Dec. 24, 1859.
 46. Sarah A., b. April 9, 1864.
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47. John Gove, son of Aaron and Mary Dow Gove, was b. in Weare, July 7, 1815; has resided here most of the time since 1837; md., April, 1841, Maria Tucker, of this town; his first wife d. Oct. 12, 1865, and he md., Nov. 23, 1868, Lydia Tucker. His children were by his first wife.

48. George W., b. March 15, 1842. [See Roll of Honor.]
 49. Infant, b. 1851; d. next day.
 50. Ella M., b. May 12, 1856.
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51. James B. Gove, son of Hon. Jonathan Gove, of Acworth, was b. there Feb. 17, 1823; resided in this town many years; was at one time deputy secretary of state; now lives in Charlotte, N. Y. Md. Hannah E., dau. of Dea. George Connor, of this town; resided in the black house.
 52. Helen Elnora, b. in Nashua, Jan. 10, 1853; md. E. L. C. Colby.
 53. Charles Fremont, b. in Acworth, Aug. 23, 1856; d. Oct. 1, 1856.
 54. Lizzie E., b. in Concord, Aug. 22, 1861.
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55. James P. Gove, b. Feb. 19, 1788; md., first wife, Anna Emerson, who d., and he md., second wife, — Kimball.
 56. Albert, b. April 15, 1814; became a deaf mute from the effects of an injury and spotted fever; md., June 26, 1845, Abigail Clark, of New Boston; resides in West Henniker. Child of first wife.
 57. 1. Mary S., b. May 5, 1847.
 58. 2. William C., b. May 16, 1850.
 59. 3. Rebecca C., b. May 16, 1850; md. Plummer E. Carter, 1879.
 60. 4. John B., b. March 5, 1852; d. Aug. 14, 1856.
 Children of second wife.
 61. Samuel K. 62. Sally.
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GREGG.

1. Milton Gregg, son of Reuben and Mary (Houston) Gregg, was b. in Deering, Oct. 12, 1807; came to this town in 1846; md. Almeda Peaslee; he d. June 22, 1878.
 2. Reuben M., b. April 7, 1839; harness-maker; resides in Andover; md., June 28, 1862. Clara M. Waldron, of Warner.

3. 1. Jennie E., b. Aug. 5, 1863.
 4. 2. Harris B., b. Jan. 17, 1866.
 5. 3. Elon R., b. Jan. 6, 1875.
 6. Daughter, b. and d. Dec., 1840.
 7. Son, b. and d. Oct., 1842.
 8. Mary, b. June 8, 1847; d. Feb. 1, 1860.
 9. Rosanna, b. Jan. 4, 1851.
 10. Daughters (twins), b. Dec. 25, 1856; d. Jan., 1857.
 11. James M., b. Sept. 13, 1861.
 12. Mary E. S., b. May 27, 1864.
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GREEN.

1. Jonathan Green, a member of the Friends' society, moved into this town from Weare about the commencement of the present century, and resided where John Emery now lives. He returned to Weare, where he and his wife d.; he md. Nabby Sawyer, of Weare.
 2. Stephen, b. Dec. 9, 1804; d. July 20, 1805.
 3. Mary, b. May 25, 1806; md. Dr. Hanson, of Manchester.
 4. Judith, b. June 18, 1809; md. — Hanson; d.
 5. Lydia, b. July 14, 1811.
 6. Eliza, b. March 3, 1815; md. — Wilkins.
 7. Nathan, b. May 20, 1818.
 8. Abigail, b. —; md. J. C. Moulton, of Weare.
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9. Alva Green, son of Stephen and grandson of Stephen, who was b. in 1720, was b. in Andover July 1, 1800; his mother's name, before marriage, was Nancy Y. Colby; he was married June 20, 1821; was a mason by trade; came to this town in 1845, and resided where Henry A. Davis now lives; he d. in Vermont, March 29, 1873.
 10. Susan Ann, b. April 7, 1825; md., first husband, Oct. 23, 1842, William Bowman; second husband, Timothy H. Connor; d. in Concord June 23, 1862.
 11. Hiram, b. Dec. 22, 1826. +
 12. Charlotte E., b. Dec. 16, 1828; d. Sept. 6, 1854.
 13. Martha A., b. Dec. 9, 1830; d. Nov. 8, 1864.
 14. Hamilton F., b. Aug. 21, 1833; d. May 16, 1865; md. Harriet Pingree, Nov. 28, 1861. [See Roll of Honor.]

15. Hodgdon F., b. April 28, 1836; md. Hannah Pingree; lives in Quechee, Vt.
 16. 1. Freddie H., b. Aug. 7, 1863.
 17. 2. Frank W., b. Aug. 4, 1869.
 18. 3. Mary A., b. Aug. 27, 1872.
 19. George H., b. Sept. 28, 1838.
 20. Augusta J., b. July 24, 1843.
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(11.) Hiram Green, md., first time, Harriet C. Stiles, Jan. 9, 1849, who d. Sept. 29, 1873; md., second wife, Nov. 9, 1875, Mahala R. Carr, of Andover, where she was b. Dec. 25, 1832.

21. Harriet C., b. in Bradford, Jan. 25, 1851; md., March 10, 1870, Reuben C. Foss; d. Feb. 12, 1874.
 22. 1. Mary O., b. Jan. 29, 1872, in Henniker.
 23. Hiram F., b. Jan. 21, 1858, in Manchester.
 24. Ida A., b. Sept. 9, 1859, in Warner.
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GREENLEAF.

1. Nathan Greenleaf, was a Revolutionary soldier; lived and died here; but little record of his family.
 2. Moses. 3. William. 4. Enoch. 5. Abigail. 6. Lydia.
 7. Phineas. 8. Mary.
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GUTTERSON.

1. Nathan Gutterson, son of Josiah and Rachel Gutterson, was b. in Francestown, March 8, 1796; md. March 25, 1825, Sarah Atwood, who was b. in Atkinson, Oct. 28, 1799; lived a large number of years in Dunbarton, where he was ten years moderator, selectman three years, and representative in 1841 and '42; came to this town with his sons; was a miller and farmer. He d. Dec. 2, 1872; his wife d. Nov. 22, 1873.
2. William W., b. Sept. 10, 1821, in Weare; md., Nov. 12, 1869, Lois F. Merrick, of this town.
3. John, b. June 16, 1832; md., May 23, 1854, S. Frances

Stearns; came to this town Oct. 1, 1862, and purchased the lower mills. [See Industries.] Superintendent Congregational Sunday-school since 1873.

4. Kate M., b. Dec. 4, 1855; md. Richard F. Childs.
 5. Clara C., b. Aug. 4, 1859. 6. Alice M., b. Feb. 10, 1861.
 7. Sarah B., b. Dec. 25, 1868;—the last in this town, the others in Dunbarton.
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HALE.

1. Robert C. Hale, son of Daniel and Betsey (Campbell) Hale, was b. in Bradford, Oct. 21, 1816, and resided more than half of his life in this town. He md., Sept. 14, 1848, Abigail Eaton, dau. of Timothy K. and Elizabeth (Fuller) West, of Bradford, and came here in 1847, where he remained until his death, Jan. 11, 1877. He was one of the selectmen in 1867, and superintendent of the Congregational Sunday-school many years.
 2. Franklin W., b. May 20, 1851; md., Jan. 1, 1877, Emogene A. Stockbridge, of Haverhill, Mass; he is a travelling merchant.
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3. William Hale, brother of Robert, md., March 20, 1860, Angeline E., dau. of James and Persis Caldwell, of this town, and resides in Pecatonica, Ill.; was clerk several years in a store here; one child.
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HALLIDAY.

1. George L. Halliday, b. in Grafton, Mass., Dec. 24, 1837; md. Ellen S. Warde.
 2. Frank, b. June. 1866. 3. Minnie, b. March, 1868.
 4. Chester, b. Dec., 1870. 5. Harry, b. Oct., 1874.
- The first two were born in New Boston, the third in Warner, and the fourth in Henniker.

HANSON.

1. Solomon Otis Hanson, son of Solomon and Hannah Johnson Hanson, and grandson of Otis and Ruth Gove Hanson, of Dover, was b. in Weare, March 6, 1812, and md., Jan. 28, 1835, Ruth J. Purington, of Weare. He came to this town with the N. H. Central Railroad as an expressman, which business he was pursuing at the time of his death. His first wife d. Sept. 18, 1870, and he md., second wife, Sarah Boynton, Dec. —, 1870, dau. of Nathan and Sarah Gutterson, of this town. He d. March 15, 1871, by his own hand; his wife d. May 25, 1871.
 2. Lewis P., b. in Weare, Feb. 25, 1836; md., Nov. 13, 1856. Sarah J., dau. of Hiram M. and Jane Davis.
 3. 1. Julia A., b. in Henniker March 2, 1857.
 4. 2. George D., b. March 16, 1861.
 5. 3. Otis Willis, b. July 10, 1868; d. Dec. 14, 1873.
 6. Julia A., b. in Weare, Jan. 28, 1840; d. Aug. 20, 1856.
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HARDY.

1. Stephen Hardy, md. Hannah Thurston; came to this town in 1800, and settled upon the farm purchased of Capt. James Bowman, on the north side of Craney hill, now known as the Hardy place. They had twelve children, all of whom lived to manhood and womanhood; his wife d. May 10, 1845, aged nearly 103 years, and was the oldest person that ever died in the town; no record of the family.
 2. Hannah. md. Ezra Tucker.
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3. Daniel Hardy, son of Stephen, md. Betsey Ward, May 30, 1810.
 4. Julia Ann, b. Nov. 16, 1810.
 5. Stephen, b. July 24, 1812. 6. Fidelia, b. Aug. 13, 1814.
 7. Susan, b. July 21, 1816. 8. Mary W., b. Sept. 7, 1818.

HARRIMAN.

1. Ebenezer Harriman, b. Feb. 22, 1734; was the son of Moses Harriman, of Plaistow; md. Elizabeth GOULD, who was b. Feb. 12, 1736, and came to this town early in its settlement, and settled where John Baker now resides. He was one of the prominent and substantial men of the town in his day. A portion of his children were b. in Plaistow; the others here. He d. Dec. 25, 1826; his wife d. Aug. 14, 1818.
 2. Levi, b. Jan. 17, 1760.
 3. Betty, b. April 7, 1763; md. — Emory.
 4. Eben, b. March 4, 1765. 5. Mehitable, b. Jan. 24, 1767.
 6. Sally, b. Feb. 11, 1773; md. — White.
 7. Abigail, b. Dec. 20, 1776; md. — Martin.
 8. Eldad, b. Dec. 30, 1778. + 9. Gould, b. May 17, 1781. +
 10. Mahitable, b. June 17, 1784; md. Joseph Marsh.
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- (8.) Eldad Harriman, md., 1800, Lydia White; lived upon the homestead; he d. Sept. 2, 1864; his wife d. Jan. 15, 1860.
 11. Loriania, b. July 27, 1801; md. William Pillsbury, of Wilmot, Nov. 7, 1820.
 12. Abigail O., b. July 14, 1804; unmd.
 13. Levi, b. Aug. 24, 1808; d. April 8, 1818.
 14. David, b. Sept. 16, 1813; d. Sept. 22, 1813.
 15. Jonathan, b. Sept. 16, 1813; d. Sept. 26, 1813.
 16. Adaline W., b. Jan. 11, 1815; md., Oct. 24, 1848, J. G. Alden.
 17. Eldad, Jr., b. Oct. 1, 1817; md. Phebe A. Brown; four children.
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- (9.) Gould Harriman, md., Nov. 9, 1803, Phebe, dau. of Joseph and Sarah Eager, of Henniker, and lived on the farm in the south-west part of the town, so long known by his name. He d. Oct. 1, 1842; his wife d. Sept. 1, 1867.
 18. Joseph, b. Sept. 14, 1804; d. Jan. 7, 1805.
 19. Lois, b. Dec. 30, 1805; d. Aug. 21, 1810.
 20. Elizabeth G., b. Jan. 15, 1808; md. Cyrus Withington.

21. Joseph L., b. July 8, 1810; d. Sept. 23, 1812.
 22. Lyman, b. May 10, 1813.+
 23. Hitty, b. Sept. 22, 1815; md. Eri Colby.
 24. Maria, b. May 6, 1818; d. April 10, 1836.
 25. Abigail, b. Nov. 12, 1820; md. Henry Piper, of Bradford.
 26. Phebe, b. March 6, 1823; d. Aug. 28, 1825.
 27. Robert, b. June 2, 1829.+
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- (22.) Lyman Harriman, md. Jane Savory, of this town, and lived on the homestead; taught school in the winter season for several years; one of the selectmen, 1850, and one of the leading members of the Baptist church. He d. May 6, 1859; his widow is still living.
28. William G., b. Aug. 22, 1842; md. Clara A. Gordon, Aug. 10, 1865; resides in Meddybemps, Me.; farmer.
 29. Pliny A., b. Jan. 13, 1850; d. Oct. 31, 1872.
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- (27.) Robert Harriman, md., July 8, 1852, Sophia P. Dow, of this town; mechanic; manufacturer of tin and iron ware. Resided a while in New York.
30. Stella, b. March 29, 1856; md. Arvin N. Marshall.
 31. Alena G., b. June 15, 1870.
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32. Moses Harriman, md. Lucy Ray, of this town; but little record of the family.
33. Joel, b. April 5, 1807. 34. John, b. Sept. 26, 1808.
 35. James M., b. March 30, 1810.
 36. Joshua, b. Aug. 17, 1813. 37. Louisa, b. Aug. 21, 1815.

Other families by this name resided here at different times, but there is no record of them.

HARTHORN.

1. Dea. Ebenezer Harthorn, son of Nathaniel and Martha Harthorn, was b. in Marlboro', Mass., June 30, 1734; md., May 6, 1757, Rhoda Howe, of Marlboro', Mass.; came to this town in 1764; was the thirteenth set-

tlar of Henniker; was a soldier in the French and Indian war. He was one of the first deacons of the church embodied June 7, 1769. He was an honest, upright citizen. He d. Feb. 5, 1814; his wife d. Nov. 29, 1813.

Born in Marlboro', Mass.

2. John, b. Aug. 19, 1758 +
3. Sarah, b. Jan. 4, 1760; d. April 4, 1804.
4. Nathaniel, b. July 6, 1762. +

Born in Henniker.

5. Mary, b. Nov. 10, 1764; d. March 6, 1802.
6. Abner, b. March 28, 1767. +
7. Ruth, b. June 5, 1769; md. James Hemphill.
8. Peter, b. Jan. 25, 1772.
9. Ebenezer, b. Oct. 15, 1774; d. April 11, 1805.
10. Paul, b. Dec. 22, 1776. +
11. Silas, md., Aug. 1, 1797, Elizabeth Kimball, of Hopkinton.
12. Rhoda, b. Aug., 1778; md. Israel Adams.

(2.) John Harthorn, md. Molly Wood, of this town, who d. Aug. 15, 1813. No record of his death.

13. Polly, b. Oct. 4, 1786; d. Sept. 3, 1835.
14. John, b. March 29, 1789. +
15. Lucy, b. Sept. 4, 1791; d. March 7, 1803.
16. Artemas, b. March 10, 1794; d. in Francestown.

(4.) Nathaniel Harthorn, md., Jan. 29, 1794, Judith Howe, of this town.

17. Calvin, b. June 8, 1764. 18. Calvin, b. Mar. 11, 1796. +
19. Kate, b. May 23, 1798; md. Francis Davis, Oct. 21, 1847.
20. Luther, b. Sept. 11, 1800. +

(6.) Abner Harthorn, md., June 4, 1800, Rebecca French, of Warner; resided on the westerly side of "Wadsworth hill," so-called; he d. Sept. 10, 1818.

21. Ezekiel, b. March 20, 1802; md., Gloucester, Mass.; d. March 13, 1876; resided here most of his days.
22. Lorahamah, b. Sept. 14, 1803; d. Sept. 9, 1805.

23. Loammi, b. March 3, 1806; d. March 19, 1810.
 24. Sally, b. 1808; md. — Lang, of Gloucester, Mass.
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- (10.) Paul Harthorn, md., first wife, Patty Smith, who died Jan. 17, 1805; md., second wife, Betsey —. He died May 11, 1812.
25. Thomas Wallace, b. Nov. 7, 1802.
 26. Lyman, b. Nov. 3, 1807.
 27. Emeline, b. July 26, 1809; d. Shrewsbury, Vt.
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- (14.) John Harthorn, md., March 3, 1814, Hannah Leslie, of this town, who is still living. He d. July 27, 1863.
28. Levi, b. June 2, 1814.+
 29. Worcester, b. March 23, 1817.+
 30. Lorinda, b. March 9, 1819; d. Sept. 3, 1820.
 31. Lucinda, b. March 9, 1819; md., Oct. 19, 1848, S. Churchill, Nashua.
 32. Eliza, b. May 7, 1822; unmd.
 33. Caroline C., b. Feb. 16, 1828; md., Sept. 16, 1847, Alonzo Lull, of Unity.
 34. Hiram C., b. Feb. 16, 1828; d. Jan. 1, 1832.
 35. Maria, b. Dec. 1, 1830; md., Oct. 21, 1852, J. M. Perkins, Unity.
 36. Cassandra S., b. June 25, 1833; unmd.
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- (18.) Calvin Harthorn, md. and resided in Hopkinton. Carlos G. Harthorn (or Hawthorne) the well known lawyer, is his son. Other children.
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- (20.) Luther Harthorn, md. Anna Wyman, of Deering. He was a clothier by trade; afterwards a farmer. He d. March 12, 1867; his wife died March 17, 1880.
37. Achsah Ann, b. Dec. 25, 1825; md. John Chase.
 38. Catharine Maria, b. May 10, 1829; md., first, Charles Chase; second husband, Cyrus W. Whitman.
 39. Lois M., b. March 31, 1838; md. Robert J. Clark.
 40. 1. Jasper H., b. Dec. 14, 1864.
 41. 2. Chastina A., b. Oct. 13, 1866.
 42. 3. Luther, b. Dec. 7, 1870.
 43. 4. Willie, b. May 6, 1874.
 44. 5. Sarah A., b. Aug. 1, 1878.

- (28.) Levi Harthorn, md., Sept. 7, 1841, Maria Needham, of Hillsborough. No children. Is a manufacturer of woollen goods at Washington; treasurer of Sullivan county, 1873 to 1875; one of the deacons of the Congregational church in Washington since May 16, 1853; member of the legislature in 1874.
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- (29.) Worcester Harthorn, md. Sarah Woodworth, of South Boston, Nov. 14, 1842. Was at one time a locomotive engineer. Ensign of the Grenadiers when first formed. One of the deacons of the Congregational church from Feb. 19, 1855, to his death, Jan. 13, 1880. His wife d. Aug. 15, 1857.
45. Sarah Frances, b. May 4, 1845; d. March 10, 1873.
46. George Edgar, b. Jan. 20, 1847; resides North Andover, Mass.; card leather cutter.
47. Emma Jane, b. July 18, 1848; d. May 6, 1850.
48. Mary E., b. Aug. 16, 1850; unmd.
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HARWOOD.

1. James Harwood, was of English origin; md. Lydia Barrett, of Chelmsford, Mass., April, 1678; from him have descended the families in this country.

2. William D. Harwood, son of William D. Harwood, was b. in Warner, in 1837; he is sixth in line of descent from James; md., first wife, Oct. 8, 1857, Betsey Ray, who d. May 18, 1872, and he md., second wife, April 6, 1873, Angie Ray, who d. April 13, 1877; resides in the north-east part of the town.
3. Herbert, b. Oct. 14, 1859.

HEATH.

There were several families by this name in this town early in its settlement. The record of the family is very meagre. Where they came from to this town is not known. Jesse was a soldier in the Revolution from Henniker as early as Sept. 20,

1776; William was at the battle of Bennington with his brother Sargent. It is probable that these three, together with Matthias and Joshua, were brothers.

1. Matthias Heath, b. in 1749; md. Lois —, 1775; he resided where Albert W. Gove lives; had his house burned there. He d. Jan. 29, 1832; his wife d. June 9, 1822.
 2. Hannah, b. Aug. 15, 1776; d. March 20, 1822.
 3. Elisha, b. May 25, 1778; resided in New York.
 4. Louis, b. Oct. 13, 1780; d. March 19, 1834; unmd.
 5. Sargent, b. July 3, 1783.†
 6. Abigail, b. May 7, 1785; md. Stephen (?) Merrill; three sons in Wisconsin.
 7. Matthias, b. April 4, 1787; was a teacher and farmer; md., 1828, Mary Rand, of Warner, where he d. June, 1846.
 1. Lucy Rand, b. 1830; d. 1833.
 2. Anne Wallace, b. Nov. 23, 1833; teacher; unmd.
 10. 3. Benjamin F., b. Aug. 2, 1835; merchant in Warner, where he was born.
 11. 4. Lydia M., b. Sept. 14, 1839, in Warner; unmd.
 12. Joel, b. April 4, 1789; md., Sept. 12, 1815, Mary Merrill, of Deering; d. June 29, 1837.
 13. Roxana, b. July 17, 1791; d. May 28, 1809.
 14. William, b. March 2, 1794; he resided in Deering, and died there; had several children, but there is no record of them.
 15. Timothy, d. in Windsor, Vt.
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16. Sargent Heath, brother of Matthias, md. Jenny —.
 17. Sargent.†
 18. Mehaniah, b. Dec. 18, 1789.
 19. Samuel, b. Oct. 14, 1791—and other children.
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20. Joshua Heath, brother of Matthias, b. 1745; md. Lydia —; resided where Ezra Chase now lives; he d. Sept. 23, 1824; his wife d. May 7, 1821.
 21. Joshua, d. April 29, 1796.
 22. John, d. May 4, 1796.
 23. Gershom, md., Oct. 19, 1802, Bridget, dau. of Rev. Jacob Rice.
 24. 1. Laura, b. Aug. 11, 1803.
 25. 2. William Harlow, b. Nov., 1805; resided in Baltimore, Md.; a teacher there for seventeen years.

26. 3. Eben, b. Aug., 1813. 27. 4. Elizabeth, b. Aug., 1813.
 28. Dorcas, b. 1775; d. Jan. 13, 1864.
 29. Lydia W., b. 1783; md. Eliphalet Colby.
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HEMPHILL.

1. James Hemphill, son of Robert, was b. in Windham, Nov. 14, 1761; was of Scotch-Irish descent; learned the trade of a tailor; came to this town at the close of the Revolution, and resided in the house that stood where the dwelling now owned by Charles Nichols stands. He md., first wife, Dec. 29, 1791, Abigail Joslyn, of this town, who d. March 2, 1793; md., second wife, Aug. 7, 1794, Ruth, dau. of Ebenezer and Ruth Harthorn, who d. Sept. 8, 1869. [See Visit to a Centenarian.] He d. April 15, 1816.
2. James, b. Aug. 12, 1795; md. Sally Morrison, of this town, July 13, 1817; removed to New York, where he d. Oct. 19, 1867.
3. Robert, b. March 23, 1796; md., Sept. 30, 1821, Lucy Kimball, of this town; d., 1875, in New York.
4. John, b. Nov. 6, 1797; d. May 3, 1816.
5. Peter, b. Feb. 12, 1800; md., first wife, Abigail Green; md., second wife, Lucy Kirk, of this town.
6. William, b. May 7, 1801; d. Feb. 7, 1827.
7. Betsey, b. Jan. 12, 1803; d. Sept. 23, 1827.
8. Silas H., b. Nov. 9, 1804; d. Feb. 4, 1840.
9. Edward, b. June 29, 1807; d. Nov. 8, 1825; was severely injured by the premature discharge of a blast in a stone Aug. 19 preceding, while at work on the new road leading from this town to Bradford.
10. Ebenezer, b. Feb. 15, 1810; md., first wife, Laura Warde, who d. Nov. 25, 1853; md., second wife, Nov. 23, 1854, Eliza G. Peasley, of this town.
 Children by first wife.
 11. 1. Infant, b. 1835; d. March 21, 1835.
 12. 2. George W., b. April 16, 1838; resides in Wisconsin.
 13. 3. Nancy A., b. June 24, 1844; md. J. Nichols, of Hillsborough.
 14. 4. Loring D., b. April 14, 1847; md., June 18, 1871, Etta H. Cramer, of Plattsville, Wis.
 15. 5. Jacob D., b. June 16, 1848.

Children by second wife.

16. 6. Laura P., b. July 15, 1855. 17. Capitola B.
 18. 7. Franklin E., b. July 24, 1865.
 19. 8. Eddie A., b. Aug. 9, 1867.
 20. Joshua D., b. July 22, 1812; md., first wife, Philena Dow, of New London, Feb. 12, 1843; md., second wife, Oct. 19, 1857, Susan S. Little, of Grantham; a clothier by trade; resided twenty-nine years in New London; lives in Grantham; selectman several years; also town treasurer and representative.
 21. 1. Sarah J., b. Dec. 22, 1843; md. F. B. Camp.
 22. 2. Irene W., b. June 12, 1846.
 23. 3. Aurora A., b. Oct. 28, 1850; md G. W. Dunbar.
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HILDRETH.

1. Abijah Hildreth, and his wife Hannah, came to this town and settled upon the farm now known as the "Hildreth place," in the west part of the town. But little is known of him or his wife. He d. April 20, 1837; his wife d. Jan. 20, 1836.
 2. Abijah, b. 1797; md., May 24, 1818, Betsey Sprague, dau. of Timothy Sprague, of this town; lived on the homestead; d. Feb. 7, 1868. No record of the family; there were three daughters and one son.
 3. Hannah, md., Feb. 9, 1826, James Childs.
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HILL.

1. John Hill, son of Asahel and Ruth Hill, was b. in Dublin, Dec. 15, 1812; md., Dec. 31, 1837, Salome Carter, of Wilmington, Mass.; a clothier by trade, and also a carpenter; came to Henniker in 1840; his wife d. Jan. 11, 1877.
 2. Clarence M., b. April 14, 1839, in Peterborough.
 3. John F., b. Feb. 8, 1842, in Henniker.
 4. Charles C., b. May 13, 1844, in Henniker; painter; md., April 27, 1867, Nancy J. McConnell.
 5. 1. John Henry, b. Feb. 15, 1868.
 6. 2. James Warren, b. Oct. 11, 1869.
 7. 3. Fred. C., b. Nov. 23, 1877.
 8. Georgiana S., b. Dec. 1, 1848, in Antrim; md. James H. Connor.

HOFFMAN.

1. Rev. John H. Hoffman, son of William and Nancy L. Hoffman, was b. in Lyndon, Vt., June 10, 1846; fitted for college at New Hampton; graduated at Bates college, Me., 1874, and Theological Seminary, Bangor, 1877; md., Aug. 13, 1876, Elena L. Gordon, of New Hampton.
 2. Cathal Ena, b. June 25, 1879.
[See Ecclesiastical History.]
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HOLT.

1. Varnum S. Holt, was at one time merchant in this town; he md., May 5, 1837, Caroline S. Gibson, who is still living.
 2. Joseph, b. in Henniker, March 9, 1839; is a prominent lawyer in Boston.
 3. Charles V., b. Feb. 7, 1841; lawyer.
 4. Homer C., b. April 4, 1843; lawyer in Cambridge, Mass.
 5. Caroline E., b. March 17, 1845; d. Oct. 27, 1851.
The three last children b. in Wilton.
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HOWE.

The Howe family have been very numerous in this town, and very prominent citizens. They were descendants of John Howe, of Sudbury, Mass., son of John Howe, who was thought to have come from Warwickshire, England, who was son of John Howe, son of John Howe of Hodinhull, England, and also connected with the family of Sir Charles Howe, of Lancaster, England, in the reign of Charles the First. John Howe was at Sudbury, Massachusetts, as early as 1639; was admitted a freeman in 1640; was one of the petitioners for the grant of land which constituted Marlborough, and was the first white settler within its limits. He kept the first public house in the town, and was known as "Goodman Howe." He died at Marlborough in 1687, and his wife Mary died about the same time. They had a large family, and their descendants have become very numerous. Thomas, son of John, was born in Marlborough, June 12, 1656; md., first wife,

Sarah Hosmer ; second, Mrs. Mary Baron. Of their children was Jonathan, b. April 23, 1687 ; md. April 5, 1711, Lydia Brigham. He d. June 22, 1738. They had nine children, the first of whom was

1. Eliakim, b. Jan. 17, 1723 ; md. Rebecca, dau. of Peter and Grace Howe, Dec. 15, 1747. Capt. Eliakim Howe was the second settler in this town, having come here in June, 1763, and settled across the road from the present residence of Mrs. Cyrene Plummer, and built the first frame house in town. He remained here until the commencement of the present century, when he removed to Brownfield, Me.
2. Otis, b. Oct. 3, 1748 ; md. Lucy Goodale, Nov. 5, 1770.
3. Tillius, b. May 1, 1750 ; was the first graduate from this town at Hanover in 1783 ; became a minister ; settled in various places, and died in Maine in 1830.
4. Rhene, b. July 2, 1752.
5. Anna, b. Aug. 29, 1754 ; md. Amos Gould, Oct., 1797.
6. Molly, b. Sept 28, 1757. 7. Prudence, b. Sept. 16, 1759.
8. Jonathan, b. Oct. 29, 1761.

These were b. in Marlboro', Mass. Those b. in this town were

9. Persis, b. Dec. 3, 1763 ; *the first child b. in the town-ship*. She md. Fortunatus Wheeler, of Hillsborough, where she resided.
10. Ruth, b. May 27, 1766. 11. Eliakim, b. April 19, 1768.
12. Penn, b. Mar. 7, 1770. 13. Matilda, b. July 18, 1775.

But few of the descendants of this family have lived in town for three fourths of a century.

14. Ezra Howe, son of Peter and Grace Howe, son of John, son of John at Sudbury, was b. in Marlboro', Mass., March 22, 1719 ; was in the French and Indian war, and marched to the relief of Fort William Henry ; md. Phebe Bush ; d. April 4, 1789 ; his wife d. Aug. 11, 1813.

15. Sarah, b. Jan. 25, 1750 ; md. Joseph Eager.
16. Nehemiah, b. March 5, 1752 ; settled in this town before the Revolution, in the northerly part, upon the tract of land known as the "Gott pasture." He resided here but a few years, then left town ; there is no record of him or his family.

17. Phebe, b. May 5, 1754. 18. Eli, b. Feb. 25, 1757. +
 19. Micah, b. Sept. 22, 1759. +
 20. Lydia, b. Dec. 10, 1762; md. Jonathan Sawyer.
 21. Judith, b. Oct. 8, 1765; md. Nathaniel Harthorn.
 22. Aaron, b. Sept. 19, 1768. +
 23. Moses, b. Feb. 14, 1772; b. in this town; d. Sept. 9,
 1775.
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(18.) Eli Howe, md. Polly Oakes, b. September, 1761, and settled in this town upon the farm now owned by the Josiah Johnson heirs; d. Sept. 21, 1836; his wife d. June 22, 1846.

24. Eli, b. Dec. 3, 1781; d. March 1, 1871.
 25. Sally, b. April 2, 1784; md. Nicholas Colby, Jr.
 26. Stephen, b. Feb. 25, 1786; md. Ruth Colby; d. Dec. 14, 1867.
 27. Abel, b. April 12, 1788; md. Jerusha Colby; d. Dec. 23, 1855.
 28. William K., b. Sept. 30, 1791. +
 29. Mary Oakes, b. Aug. 8, 1793; md. Josiah Johnson.
 30. Aaron, b. Feb. 23, 1796; d. Oct. 21, 1800.
 31. Asenath, b. Sept. 1, 1798; d. Sept. 29, 1800.
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(19.) Micah Howe, md. Lovisa, dau. of Joseph Amsden, b. March 14, 1761. He settled where Worcester Goss resides, and raised a large family. His first wife d. April 25, 1800, when he md. Persis Welch, b. Oct. 24, 1773. He d. July 22, 1842.

Children of first wife.

32. Abigail, b. July 24, 1781; md. Daniel Wallace, of Thetford, Vt.
 33. Joel, b. April 4, 1784. +
 34. Lovisa, b. Jan. 10, 1787; md. Jacob Rice.
 35. James, b. Nov. 21, 1789; d. Dec. 19, 1789.
 36. Micah, b. Nov. 28, 1790. +
 37. Perley, b. Apr. 21, 1794. +
 38. Patty, b. Aug. 8, 1798; md. Annas Campbell.

Children of second wife.

39. Lyman C., b. June 29, 1806. +
 40. Louisa B., b. Feb. 6, 1809.
 41. Imri C., b. July 9, 1811; d. at New Haven, Conn., on his way home from New York.

42. Infant, b. 1813; d. April 2, 1814.
 43. Mary W., b. June 28, 1815; md. Horace Gibson.
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(22.) Aaron Howe, md. Eleanor Joslin; lived where Cummings Kimball resides. He d. April 7, 1825. The record of this family is very incomplete.

44. Taylor, d. June 30, 1825.
 45. Luther J., b. Aug. 22, 1798.†
 46. Tryphena, d. July 31, 1797.
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(28.) William K. Howe, resided where William Connor now lives; was selectman for several years, and a prominent citizen. He md., for his first wife, Calista Whitney, Nov. 21, 1815; she d. May 19, 1828.

47. Roxana C., adopted dau., d. June 19, 1820.
 48. Calista.

He md., for his second wife, Sarah Hazeltine, who d. May 3, 1834; he md., for his third wife, Mrs. Ismena Bean, of Sutton. He d. Aug. 8, 1842.

49. Infant, b. April, 1834; d. May 3, 1834.
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(33.) Lt. Joel Howe, was born in Henniker, April 4, 1784. He learned the carpenters' trade when a boy, which business he followed until 1814, when he became a farmer until 1821, when he purchased the lower mills, now owned by Mr. Gutterson, where he remained eight years. In this mill he placed the first corn-cracker seen in any mill in the town. April 16, 1829, he moved to the south-west part of Warner, and opened a hotel, where he resided the remainder of his life. In those days of staging and teaming, his house was always a favorite resort. Mr. Howe was commissioned lieutenant in the artillery belonging to this regiment, and was a soldier in the war of 1812. He md., Dec. 24, 1812, Sophia, dau. of Alexander Patterson; he d. April 22, 1850. His widow

md., April 24, 1855, for her second husband, Joseph Lane, of Bradford, who d. Jan. 10, 1865. Mrs. Lane is still living at Bradford.

- 50. Leonard, b. March 30, 1814; d. April 10, 1814.
- 51. Elizabeth Patterson, b. April 22, 1816.
- 52. Joel Miller, b. Dec. 19, 1818. †
- 53. Joseph Snelling, b. July 11, 1821; d. Mar. 22, 1846.
- 54. Joab Patterson, b. Oct. 22, 1827; d. Jan. 8, 1832.
- 55. Delano Amsden, b. March 28, 1829; d. July 27, 1831.
- 56. Mary Sophia, b. Feb. 22, 1834.

(36.) Micah Howe, md. Lydia, dau. of William and Hannah Livingston, Feb. 29, 1816. He was for a large number of years proprietor of the lower mills, so widely known as the Howe mills; he represented the town in the legislatures of 1843 and 1844; was a man of integrity and honor, and very intelligent; he was one of the best musicians of his day, and his sons inherited his taste for music, and have been fine musicians. He d. Nov. 15, 1853; his wife d. July 24, 1845.

- 57. Florimand L., b. July 31, 1816.
- 58. Amelia F., b. Jan. 8, 1819; md. Wm. Dunlap.
- 59. America Christopher Columbus, b. Aug. 5, 1821; d. Jan. 5, 1853.
- 60. Commodore Nathaniel Manly, b. Feb. 21, 1824.
- 61. Merrill M., b. July 12, 1827.
- 62. Rosada M., b. April 9, 1830; d. Feb. 5, 1833.
- 63. Aurelia Annette, b. Feb. 27, 1833; md. — Simons.

(37.) Perley Howe, md. Susanna, dau. of Charles and Susanna Rice, Jan. 8, 1818. He was a drummer in the war of 1812; built the hotel that formerly stood on the south side of the river, and was its landlord for many years.

- 64. Susan.
- 65. Charles, b. 1826; d. Aug. 10, 1829.
- 66. Aurora.
- 67. Helen.
- 68. Charlotte.

(39.) Lyman C. Howe, md., Feb. 12, 1833, Sophronia Bartlett, of Newburyport.

69. Moses B., b. Nov. 16, 1833.
 70. Micah G., b. Nov. 12, 1836; md. Hattie Smith.
 71. George L., b. July 14, 1840; md. — Bagley.
 72. Ann, b. 1842; md. George Bancroft Griffith.
 73. Jason C., b. March 3, 1851.
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(45.) Hon. Luther J. Howe, was thrown upon his own reliances in his early life; shortly before reaching his majority he left home, and lived a short time in Pennsylvania, where he taught school; from there he went to Hoosick Falls, N. Y., and entered the office of Hon. G. R. Davis, a distinguished jurist of that place. After teaching school, and reading law as his opportunities allowed, he was admitted to practice law in the supreme court of New York, Jan. 13, 1832, and was admitted to the court of chancery in 1845. In 1834 he was appointed by Gov. Marcy judge of the county court of Washington county, which position he held through three successive terms, and won the reputation of being an able and impartial jurist, honoring the office, and enjoying the highest respect of his associates in office. During this time he continued to practice before all the courts except his own, and his business became very extensive. His biographer said of him after his death,—“His judicial career exhibited his desire to do full and speedy justice in all the cases committed to his charge. He thoroughly examined the law and the facts in the case, and would always prepare his opinion in writing. This was a rare virtue in his day in county judges, and was often the subject of remark to him, to which his answer always was, that ‘the defeated party had a right to know on what ground the judgment of the court was against him.’” In 1829 he md. Cornelia, dau. of Ira and Sarah P. Parmeley, of Hebron, Ct., but at that time residents of Cambridge, Judge Howe’s place of residence; he

united with the Presbyterian church at that place in 1831; he was for many years an influential trustee of the Washington academy, at Cambridge. He d. Sabbath morning, Aug. 9, 1857, after a short illness, leaving a widow and five children. At the next term of the supreme court held after his death, the members of the bar held a meeting, which was addressed by some of the most distinguished members of the profession. One of the resolutions adopted was as follows:

Resolved, That in the death of Judge Howe, society has lost a valuable citizen, the profession an able lawyer, an ornament to the bench, an upright judge, and his family a kind husband and father.

(52.) Joel M. Howe, md., Sept. 22, 1846, Elizabeth B. Woods, of Thornton, N. H., who died Feb. 9, 1860, and he md., Jan. 1, 1861, Lucinda F. Gould, of Concord. Mr. Howe has always resided on the old homestead in Warner since the death of his father.

- 74. Joseph Miller, b. July 27, 1847.
- 75. Edgar Willis, b. July 6, 1849.
- 76. Mary Isabella, b. Oct. 27, 1851.
- 77. Edwin Baxter, b. March 1, 1854.
- 78. Helen Harvey, b. March 31, 1857.
- 79. Delano Amsden, b. Feb. 5, 1860.

Peter Howe,⁵ son of Peter,⁴ son of John,³ son of John,² son of John,¹ was born in Marlboro', Mass., Dec. 23, 1730; was a brother of Rebecca, wife of Eliakim Howe, and of Rhoda, wife of Dea. Ebenezer Harthorn.

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6. Peter Howe, son of Peter,⁵ b. Dec. 23, 1730; md., March 26, 1747, Mary Smith, and settled in this town where Asa P. Wiggin resides. His wife d. June 4, 1806, and he md. second wife; he d. March 20, 1811. His children were born in Marlboro', Mass. William

Howe, b. April 3, 1768; md. Lydia Whitman, of Stowe, Mass., and lived with his father in this town. Tradition says he encountered a huge black snake one day in his north pasture, lying between the posts for a pair of bars, his head in one mortice, and his tail in the opposite one. After a desperate conflict, he succeeded in killing it. William had a large family of children, but there is no record of their births. His wife died in May, 1850.

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| 7. | Daniel. | S. William. | 9. Peter.† | 10. Levi.† |
| 11. | Page. | 12. Rufus. | 13. Polly, md. Rufus Sawyer. | |
| 14. | Sally, md. Paul Sawyer. | 15. Lydia, md. Nath'l Bruce. | | |
| 16. | Dolly, md. — Bullard. | | | |
| 17. | Thursia, md. William Alcock. | | | |
| 18. | Lucy, md., first, John Moses; second, — Stone. | | | |

(9.) Peter Howe, md. Polly Colby, of this town, where he resided many years; died in Hopkinton.

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| 19. | William, b. Oct. 11, 1825; md., March 25, 1856, Sarah C. Weeks, of Hopkinton, where his children were born; resides upon the Abram Gove place. |
| 20. | 1. Addie L., b. Jan. 23, 1857. |
| 21. | 2. Willie E., b. March 5, 1860. |
| 22. | 3. Minnie J., b. Aug. 20, 1866. |
| 23. | Madison M., md., first wife, 1856, Jane Chase, of Hopkinton; second wife, Elmira Felch. |
| 24. | Rufus S., b. March 17, 1832; md., June 1, 1857, Sarah W., dau. of Nath'l and Rachel Noyes, of this town; has resided here the larger part of his life; a farmer and mechanic. |
| 25. | 1. Sarah A., b. Oct., 1858; d. Oct. 19, 1858. |
| 26. | 2. Etta L., b. April 19, 1860. |
| 27. | 3. Ina B., b. April 30, 1864. |
| 28. | 4. Mary N., b. Sept. 27, 1876. |
| 29. | Page F., md., 1863, Hattie R. Buckley; resides in Minnesota. |
| 30. | Elizabeth, md. Jonathan Vitty, of Weare. |
| 31. | Mary, md. A. Buckland, of Canada. |
| 32. | Lucy, md. William Vitty, of Weare; children born in Hopkinton. |

(10.) Levi Howe, md. Elvada —.

33. Vinal G., b. July 14, 1836.
 34. Elvada, b. Sept. 15, 1838.
 35. Dolly B., b. Aug. 24, 1840.
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HOWLETT.

Thomas Howlett was one of the early settlers of Henniker, residing in the south-west part of the town. He was one of the original members of the first church embodied in this town. There is no record of him or his family, or of where he came from; resided here a short time, and removed to Hillsborough; was the ancestor of the Howletts residing in the south-east part of that town. He died May 6, 1797; his wife died June 8, 1776.

HOYT.

1. George Hoyt, was b. in Salisbury, Mass.; md. Rhoda Blaisdell, of Amesbury, Mass.; came to Weare prior to the Revolution, and to this town shortly after; he was a shoemaker, and lived awhile where Kendall Whitcomb now resides; a portion of his children were born in Weare, the others here.
 2. Betsey, b. Oct. 10, 1774; md. James Joslin, of this town, in 1797; second husband, Jonathan Straw, of Warner, where she d. April 2, 1876; she resided in this town the larger part of a long and useful life.
 3. Saunders, b. Aug. 27, 1785. + 4. Daniel. 5. Rhoda.
 6. Mary, md., April 21, 1812, Zebulon Farrar.
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- (3.) Saunders Hoyt, md., March 22, 1809, Sally Rice, and resided where J. W. Emery now resides. He moved to Manchester, where he d. May 27, 1850; his wife d. Sept. 17, 1854.
7. Leonard, b. Feb. 20, 1810; d. Aug. 17, 1814.
 8. Louisa, b. July 28, 1812; d. Aug. 14, 1814.
 9. Edmund, b. 1815; d. July 22, 1818.
 10. Emily A., b. July 20, 1817; md. Peleg W. Smith.
 11. Warren W., b. June 12, 1820.
 12. 1. Ellen M., b. in 1848; d. Aug. 23, 1851.
 13. Emmons R., b. Jan. 1, 1823; d. Sept. 1, 1844.
 14. Sarah, b. in 1825.

15. Benjamin Hoyt, came to this town early in the century, and settled where Timothy Peaslee resides.
16. Johnson, b. Aug. 17, 1789; d. July 20, 1793.
17. Moses, b. Aug. 29, 1791; md. Hannah Rolfe, of Hillsborough; resided a portion of his life in Cambridge, Mass., where he d. Feb., 1868.
18. 1. Betsey, b. March 23, 1811; md. Samuel Sargent, of Warner, Oct. 10, 1834.
19. 2. Sally, b. Dec. 15, 1812.
20. 3. Benjamin J., b. June 19, 1820; resides in Cambridge, Mass.
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21. James Hoyt, son of Moses; md. Hannah Greeley, of Kingston, and resided in this town where Henry Tucker lives. He d. July 29, 1854; his wife d. July 21, 1854.
22. Mary, b. 1807. 23. Nathan G., b. April 18, 1809. †
24. James, b. Nov. 12, 1810; md. — Sibley; d., 1876. in Hopkinton.
25. Benjamin, b. Feb. 11, 1813; resides in Hopkinton; an extensive farmer.
26. Sarah G., b. Aug. 25, 1815; d. Oct. 6, 1855.
27. Hannah, b. May 6, 1817; d. Jan. 20, 1824.
28. George W., b. May 28, 1823; resides in Bradford.
29. Thomas G., b. Aug. 8, 1824; resides in Nevada.
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- (23.) Nathan G. Hoyt, md., Dec. 7, 1837, Susan Warde, who was b. Nov. 21, 1805.
30. Henry A., b. Sept. 15, 1838; md., first wife, — Hoyt; second wife, Mrs. Elbra E. Morrill, who d. July 21, 1875.
31. Hannah J., b. June 10, 1840; md. J. P. Dow.
32. Wealtha Ann, b. Sept. 30, 1841; md. Gilman Straw.
33. Mary Louisa, b. Feb. 11, 1843; md. G. W. S. Dow.
34. Jonas, b. 1847; d. June 7, 1848. 35. Clarinda.
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HUNTER.

Edward Hunter, of Marlboro', Mass., md. Tabitha —, who died, and he md. Mrs. Moore, of Berlin, Mass. He represented the town in the legislature. Among his children was

1. Edward, b. Dec. 30, 1748; he became a physician; md. Thankful Newton, dau. of Micah and Mary (Howe) Newton, of Marlboro', and settled in this town upon the place known as the "Hunter place," about the commencement of the Revolution; remaining here a while he moved back to Marlboro', Mass.; remained there a short time, and then came back to this town, where he d. June 29, 1793. The records of this entire family are very obscure.
 2. Solomon. 3. Silas, md., Feb. 4, 1816, Patty Eastman.
 4. Thankful, md., Jan., 1814, Israel Adams.
 5. Patty, md., March 10, 1815, David Brown. 6. William.
 7. John, md., first wife, Susanna Witt; second wife, Dolly Temple.
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HUNTINGTON.

1. Simon Huntington sailed from England for this country in 1633, together with four sons. Simon d. on the passage hither. One of the sons returned to England, and the other three—William, Christopher, and Simon—remained. Simon settled in Salisbury, Mass., now Amesbury,—that portion of it,—in 1640. From him came William,² John,³ William,⁴ John,⁵ John,⁶ Benjamin,⁷ all the generations being born in Amesbury. Benjamin settled in Weare, and of his children, two became residents of this town.
 2. Jacob, b. Sept. 3, 1783. †
 3. Betsey, b. Feb. 14, 1788; md. Timothy Mathews.
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- (2.) Jacob Huntington, md., May 4, 1809, Huldah Gove, of Weare, and settled the same year in this town, where his son J. J. resides. He was a strong, powerful man, with great powers of endurance; was a prominent member of the Friends' society, and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. His first wife died Oct. 20, 1819; he md., for his second wife, Feb. 1, 1824, Mehitable Hedding, who d. March 4, 1827, and he md., Oct., 1829, Lavinia H. Breed. He d. July 15, 1857. His wife d. Oct. 13, 1859.

Children by first wife.

4. Elijah Brown, b. June 15, 1811. †
5. Elizabeth, b. March 29, 1813; md., Oct. 21, 1834, Jacob Huntington; d. Sept. 16, 1838.
6. Sarah, b. May 31, 1815; d. June 15, 1834.
7. Robert G., b. May 21, 1817; d. Oct. 22, 1819.

Children by second wife.

8. Franklin T., b. Aug. 21, 1830. †
9. Huldah G., b. March 23, 1834; md. May, 1837, Joshua Buxton, of Danvers, Mass.
10. Son, b. July 25, 1838; d. Sept. 27, 1838.
11. Joseph John, b. March 16, 1840. †

(4.) Elijah Huntington, md., Oct. 24, 1838, Mary P. Breed, dau. of Richard and Bethia Breed, of this town. His wife d. Feb. 5, 1864.

12. Sewell C., b. May 5, 1856.

(8.) Franklin T. Huntington, md., June 15, 1853, Lavina Gove.

13. Laura Etta, b. May 22, 1854; md., Feb. 12, 1879, John Willis Fowler, of Newbury.

14. Dana E., b. Dec. 13, 1857; md., Aug. 13, 1879, Laura A. Woodward, Antrim.

(11.) Joseph John Huntington, md., May 15, 1861, Mary T. Gordon, dau. of Jonathan and Mary Gordon, of this town.

15. Henry Francis, b. April 3, 1864.

16. Alice Josephine, b. April 29, 1868.

17. Arthur Nelson, b. Feb. 7, 1879.

HUSE.

1. One of the first settlers in this town was Moses Huse, who was a descendant of Abel Huse, who came from London in 1635, and settled in Newbury, Mass. He obtained a partial education, and was at one time a minister, although he directed his attention to till-

ing the soil. He md. Abigail —, who was of Indian extraction, but a very helpful mate. They settled in this town on what is known as the "Gould Harriman place."

2. D—, b. June 13, 1768; md. John Kimball.
 3. Abigail, b. Sept. 21, 1771; md. David Morrill.
 4. Azuba, b. Dec. 23, 1773. 5. Mary, b. April 13, 1776.
 6. Eliza, b. April 13, 1776; md. Moses S—.
 7. Samuel, b. Aug. 8, 1778; Baptist clergyman.
 8. John, b. 1780; d. Oct. 29, 1825.
 9. Jerusha, b. 1795; d. Sept. 12, 1854.
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HUSSEY.

1. Joseph Hussey, son of Daniel, was born in Somersworth in 1767; came to this town when quite a young man, md. Sarah Paige, of Weare, and settled where his grandson Paul now resides; he d. May 18, 1847; his wife d. Dec. 1, 1840.
 2. Daniel, b. May 14, 1790.†
 3. Bethiah, b. Aug. 28, 1792; md. Richard Breed.
 4. John, b. Aug. 20, 1794; d. Aug. 28, 1806.
 5. Hannah, b. Sept. 25, 1796.
 6. Joseph, b. Dec. 6, 1798; md., Nov. 15, 1820, Mary D. Brown, of Weare.
 7. Sarah, b. July 3, 1801; md. Winthrop Chase, of Weare, Feb. 2, 1827.
 8. Mary, b. Jan. 31, 1807.
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- (2.) Daniel Hussey, md., Oct. 26, 1815, Elizabeth M. Osborne, of Danvers, Mass., and always resided on the old homestead. He d. Nov. 9, 1865; his wife d. Sept. 28, 1873.
 9. Abigail, b. May 20, 1817; md. — Dow, of Weare.
 10. Ruth O., b. March 17, 1821.
 11. Infant, b. 1824; d. Jan. 20, 1824.
 12. James B., b. Feb. 20, 1825.
 13. Eunice P., b. Nov. 27, 1827; d. Oct. 4, 1863.
 14. Paul, b. Oct. 17, 1831; md., May 22, 1867, Sarah A. Dodge, of New Boston.

15. 1. Mary Elizabeth, b. June 20, 1868.
 16. 2. Jennie Evelyn, b. Feb. 8, 1874.
 17. Sarah, b. 1833.
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JACKMAN.

1. John W. Jackman, son of Stephen Jackman, of Bradford, was b. March 3, 1844; mechanic; has taught music many terms; md., May 11, 1873, Ida E. Warde.
 2. Alice M., b. March 8, 1874.
 3. Alana F., b. March 14, 1878.
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JACOBS.

Capt. Daniel Jacobs was at one time the owner of the lower mills. When he lived here he was living with his *seventh* wife, and he was her *seventh* husband. He died here Jan. 6, 1816.

JAMESON.

1. John W. Jameson, son of John and Mary R. Jameson, of New Salem, was born in Bradford, Jan. 22, 1823; md., for his first wife, Oct., 1846, in this town, Priscilla Ward, of Bradford, who d. April, 1848, when he md., for his second wife, Marinda Hall, of Warner, Nov. 25, 1848, and settled in this town on "Goss hill," where he still resides; he was a very efficient officer in the Warner artillery.

Child by first wife.

2. George W., b. in Bradford, Feb. 24, 1848; d. April 3, 1848.

Children by second wife.

3. Addie A., b. in Bradford, Aug. 2, 1849; md. Elisha Winham, of Washington.
 4. Elizabeth A., b. in Warner, April 30, 1852; d. Sept. 28, 1866.
 5. Eliza A., b. in Warner, April 30, 1852; d. Nov. 15, 1866.

JOHNSON.

1. Solomon Johnson, who came to this town near the close of the Revolution from Marlboro', Mass., was the son of Abraham and Sarah Johnson, and fourth in line of descent from Solomon Johnson, who was in Sudbury, Mass., in 1639; he was born in Marlboro', April 9, 1765; md. Azubah Witherbee, and settled where C. A. Bean now resides; his wife d. Sept. 18, 1849.
 2. Solomon, Jr., b. 1789; md. Sally Page, Oct. 24, 1809.
 3. Josiah, b. April 8, 1791; d. Sept. 5, 1800.
 4. John, b. Jan. 29, 1793; 5. Lydia, b. March 24, 1794.
 6. Edward, b. March 28, 1796.
 7. Woodbury, b. Feb. 15, 1798.
 8. Thomas, b. March 26, 1800; d. March 26, 1800.
 9. Azubah, b. July 5, 1801. 10. Mary, b. Oct. 17, 1804.
 11. Josiah S., b. Nov. 26, 1806.†
 12. Gardner, b. Nov. 22, 1818.
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- (11.) Josiah S. Johnson, md., June 25, 1826, Mary Oakes Howe, of this town. He d. Dec. 4, 1852; his wife d. June 1, 1872.
13. Mary F., b. Oct. 21, 1826; md. C. A. Bean.
 14. Anstiss Maria, b. Jan. 3, 1830; md., first husband, John Smith; second husband, Jonathan Flanders.
 15. Emily, b. July 31, 1831; d. Feb. 20, 1832.
 16. George W., b. Aug. 7, 1834; md., Feb. 24, 1861, Isabella W. Ransom, of Springfield, Ill., where he resides; is a machinist.
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17. John Johnson, son of Enoch, was b. in Unity, Sept. 27, 1771; md. Anna S. Folsom, of Deering, Dec. 1, 1802; settled in this town where Norman Matthews lives. He d. March 10, 1837; his wife d. in Derry.
 18. Joshua M., b. Dec. 9, 1803,† in Deering: the others in this town.
 19. John F., b. March 24, 1806.†
 20. Mary B., b. April 11, 1808; d. May 26, 1842.
 21. Infant daughter, b. Jan. 17, 1811; d. same date.
 22. Sarah Ann, b. May 9, 1813; md. Ephraim Morrill.

23. Julia M., b. Jan. 25, 1816; d. April 12, 1833.
 24. Moses H., b. May 1, 1819.†
 25. Daniel A., b. Aug. 25, 1821; a physician in Boston, of extensive practice.
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(18.) Joshua M. Johnson, md., June 3, 1828, Clara A. Patterson; was a clothier by trade, afterwards a daguerrean artist; d. in Contoocook, Feb. 20, 1852; widow still living.

26. Annie Maria, b. in Deering, June 26, 1831; md., Dec. 25, 1859, Edward W. Howe; two children.
 27. Julia M., b. in Lowell, Mass., June 7, 1838; a teacher in the schools of Concord eleven years.
 28. Sara A., b. in Lowell, Mass., Dec. 17, 1840; md., May 14, 1866, Grovenor A. Curtice, of Contoocook.
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(19.) John F. Johnson, md., first wife, Ruth Purington, who d. Dec. 12, 1836, and he md., second wife, Mehitabel Caldwell, of this town; he resided mostly upon the homestead. He d. in Malden, Mass., Mar. 10, 1847.

Children by first wife.

29. George H., b. March 10, 1832; d. Aug. 1, 1834.
 30. Susan M., b. Jan. 7, 1834.

Children by second wife.

31. George H., b. Jan. 13, 1844.
 32. Charles H., b. Sept. 9, 1845.
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(24.) Moses H. Johnson, md. Frances Nelson, first wife, Nov 22, 1841, who d., and he md., March 29, 1867, Mahala E. Chase; resides in Weare.

Children by first wife.

33. John E., b. Feb. 30, 1843.
 34. Josephine, b. Dec. 22, 1845.
 35. Moses A., b. Aug. 1, 1848.
 36. Franklin P., b. March 1, 1850. 37. Era, b. Feb. 19, 1853.

JOSLIN.

1. James Joslin, came to this town before the Revolution, and settled in the valley near Capt. Josiah Ward's; he came from Stow, Mass.; md. Sarah Wetherbee, of Stow. He d. March 20, 1790; she d. at Lebanon.
 2. Abigail, b. Sept. 19, 1771; md. James Hemphill, Dec. 29, 1791. [See Hemphill family.]
 3. Sarah, b. May 16, 1774.
 4. Joel, b. March 20, 1776; md. Elizabeth Patterson, sister of Joseph, Dec. 25, 1799; moved to Lebanon, thence to New York; was a carpenter. His wife died near Buffalo, N. Y.
 5. James. 6. Nancy. 7. Laura. 8. Dunlap.
 9. James, b. April 1, 1778; md. Betsey, dau. of George Hoyt, of Weare, in 1797. They resided upon the farm with his father. They had four children born to them. He died Nov. 26, 1802; his widow md. Jonathan Straw.
 10. 1. Infant, b. 1798; d. Aug. 8, 1798.
 11. 2. Infant, b. 1799; d. Aug. 13, 1799.
 12. 3. Infant, b. 1799; d. Aug. 13, 1799.
 13. 4. James, Jr., b. 1800; married and lived in Vermont; died young.
 14. Thomas, b. June 13, 1780; d. in Lebanon.
 15. Betsey, b. Nov. 17, 1782; d. Nov. 28, 1802.
 16. Katurah, b. June 18, 1785.
 17. Lydia, b. Sept. 19, 1787; md. William Patterson.
 18. Molly, b. Aug. 16, 1790.
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KEMP.

Levi Kemp was a merchant, and lived where Fred Rogers resides. He had a family, but there is no record of it. He died Nov. 1, 1841; his wife died March 29, 1845. His son, Levi, Jr., buried several children here.

KEZER.

1. Moses, Jonathan, and Nathaniel Kezer were brothers. They came to this town about the close of the Revolution. Moses d. Aug. 31, 1834.

2. Jonathan Kezer, md., June 6, 1793, Mehitable Clough, of Hopkinton, and resided in the east part of the town, near the "Page place," westerly from the covered bridge, now on the road leading to Hopkinton. He d. Feb. 14, 1857.
 3. John, b. 1805.
 4. Timothy, b. 1807; md. Abigail Patch for his first wife.
 5. Calista, md. John M. Page. 6. John.
 7. Ophelia. 8. Polly, b. 1809; d. Oct. 3, 1831.
 9. Rachel, b. 1811. 10. Nancy, b. 1813.
 11. Angeline, b. 1816; d. April 13, 1816.
 12. Levi, b. 1818. Not in regular order.
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13. Nathaniel Kezer, brother of Jonathan, came to this town from Vermont, and md. Rachel Elliott, of Warner; resided where Mrs. David Stevens now lives. His children were b. in this town. He removed to Warner, and thence to Dorchester, where he died.
 14. Moses, b. 1800. 15. Nathaniel, b. 1802.
 16. Isaac, b. 1804.
 17. Dolly, b. Jan. 19, 1806; md. Thaddeus Goodwin.
 18. Moses, b. 1808; resides in Hopkinton; md. — Ordway.
 19. Nathaniel, b. 1810; resides Mast Yard; md.
 20. Mahala, b. 1812; md. — Colby.
 21. Charlotte, b. 1814. 22. James, b. 1816.
 23. Fanny, b. 1818.
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KILBURN.

1. Jedediah Kilburn, was b. in Rowley, Mass., April 20, 1699; md. Susanna Fish, of Ipswich, Mass.
2. Jedediah Kilburn, b. in Rowley, Mass.; md. Hannah Platts, of Rowley; moved to Boscawen, then here early in the settlement of the town; resided in the south-east part of the town, easterly from the "Plummer place," occupied by Mr. Parker; some of the orchards of his planting are still in existence. Some of the children were born in Boscawen, others here. He d. March 30, 1803, and the family moved from town.

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| 3. | Nathan. | 4. Eliphalet. | 5. Lucy. | 6. Mary. |
| 7. | Hannah. | 8. Jedediah. | 9. Nathaniel. | 10. Susan. |
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11. Joseph C. Kilburn, son of Enoch and Elizabeth (Cogswell) Kilburn, was b. in Boscawen, July 3, 1839; was a soldier in the late war; md., first wife, July 13, 1865, Mary A. Hawkins, of Sanbornton; a merchant in Concord from 1871 to 1875, then settled in this town. His first wife d. Feb. 6, 1878, and he md., second wife, Lizzie Barnes, March, 1879.
12. Walter E., b. Aug. 14, 1868.
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KIMBALL.

The family in this town by this name has been quite numerous; they are descendants of John and Mary Kimball, who were early in Newbury, Mass. 1. Joseph. + 2. Samuel. + 3. Joshua. + These brothers came to this town from Plaistow before the Revolution, and settled in the south-east part of the town.

- (1.) Joseph Kimball, was a prominent man in the town during the Revolution; no record of his family.
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- (2.) Samuel Kimball, was b. July 14, 1745; md. Abigail Eastman, who was b. Jan. 30, 1748; resided near the David Plummer place. He d. Dec. 6, 1802. His wife d. March 23, 1819.
3. William, b. March 22, 1768; d. June 14, 1787.
 4. John, b. Nov. 1, 1769. + 5. Samuel, b. Jan. 22, 1770. +
 6. Hannah, b. Dec. 10, 1771; md., Nov. 16, 1797, Micah Hoyt.

Born in this town.

7. Abigail, b. Jan. 1, 1774; md. Baxter Bowman.
 8. Joseph, b. Aug. 28, 1776.
 9. James, b. June 27, 1779; resided in Charlestown, Mass.; a wealthy leather dealer.
 10. Molly, b. Dec. 22, 1783; md., Jan. 26, 1815, Moses Person.
 11. Fanny, b. July 28, 1786; unmd.
 12. William, b. July 9, 1789; d. Nov. 23, 1791.

13. Sophia, b. Dec. 22, 1791; md., Dec. 14, 1815, John Sawyer, Jr.
Most of this family left town, and resided, some in Canada and some in New York.
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- (3.) Joshua Kimball, md. Betsey Noyes, and lived where James P. Flanders resides. He d. April 15, 1810; his wife d. Aug. 21, 1830. Children born here.
14. Nancy A., b. Oct. 10, 1776; unmd.
15. Joshua, b. Jan. 31, 1779. 16. Asa, b. Aug. 25, 1780. +
17. Betsey, b. Jan. 2, 1783; md. James Gove.
18. Stephen, b. Aug. 22, 1789; was an energetic business man; md., June 2, 1824, Austiss B. Searle; he d. Aug. 3, 1861.
19. 1. Stephen N., b. Nov. 19, 1825; d. Nov. 7, 1828.
20. Samuel, b. Aug. 22, 1789. +
21. Sarah, b. Dec. 10, 1792; unmd.
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- (4.) John Kimball, md., Feb. 7, 1796, Betsey Huse, and removed to Rochester, N. Y., where he d. May 27, 1812. Children born here.
22. William, b. Dec. 8, 1796. 23. Betsey, b. July 5, 1798.
24. James, b. Oct. 2, 1800. 25. Molly, b. Oct. 17, 1802.
26. Huse, b. 1804; d. Dec. 23, 1805.
27. Catharine M., b. 180-; d. July 3, 1810.
28. Harriet, b. 180-; d. May 21, 1811.
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- (5.) Samuel Kimball, md., Nov. 17, 1797, Betsey Sargent; resided on the homestead; he d. Feb. 3, 1852; his wife d. March 2, 1813; he md., second wife, Feb. 10, 1818, Jennie Mannehan.
29. Mary, b. Feb. 20, 1798; md. David Plummer.
30. Betsey, b. Jan. 1, 1800; md. Nathaniel Patch.
31. Abigail E., b. April 7, 1802.
32. Lucy, b. Oct. 9, 1804. 33. Joseph, b. Dec. 24, 1806.
34. Fannie, b. Jan. 4, 1810; d. Oct. 11, 1869.
35. Catharine, b. Dec. 14, 1812. 36. James (by second wife).
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- (16.) Asa Kimball, md. Martha Jones, of Washington; kept a hotel and store many years in the house now owned by his daughter, Mrs. Holt. He d. April 8, 1852; his wife d. Feb. 15, 1856.

37. Robert D., b. Feb. 3, 1819; md. and resided in Boston, where he d. 1856; left several children.
38. Franklin W., b. June 28, 1821; resides south part of the town.
39. Ann, b. May 20, 1825; md., May 26, 1849, Joseph Sargent; d. in Trenton, N. J., July, 1879.
40. Martha, b. Feb. 18, 1828; d. Aug. 19, 1829.
41. Anstiss, b. Jan. 22, 1831; md. Woodbury D. Holt resides Trenton, N. J.
42. Charles, b. March, 1834; d. Feb. 13, 1835.
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- (20.) Samuel Kimball, md., first wife, Betsey Eaton, who d. April 22, 1835, and he md., second wife, Betsey Muzzey, and resided upon the homestead. He d. Feb. 14, 1864; his widow is still living.

Children by second wife.

43. Samuel J., b. June 17, 1836; d. June 29, 1836.
44. Betsey E., b. Jan. 2, 1838; md. Feb. 5, 1856, James P. Flanders.
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55. Moses Kimball, was a carpenter; built and resided in the house now occupied as a parsonage for the Congregational church. Children b. here.

46. Mary Ann, b. Aug. 9, 1835.
47. Delia, b. Jan. 5, 1837.
48. Sarah, b. Aug. 1, 1838.
49. Moses F., b. July 30, 1840.
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50. Abraham Kimball, md. Esther, who d. Jan. 24, 1828.
51. Edward, b. Sept. 3, 1796.
52. Leonard, b. March 18, 1798.
53. Abraham, b. Oct. 4, 1800; md. Hepsibeth Leslie, Aug. 10, 1828.
54. Susanna, b. Sept. 10, 1802.
55. Daniel, b. Oct. 8, 1803.
56. David, b. Dec. 19, 1804.
57. John, b. May 29, 1806.
58. Hannah, b. June 28, 1808.
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KIRK.

The Kirks were descendants of John and Abigail (Rideout) Kirk, who came to this town from Dunstable, Mass., about 1808. Children b. in Dunstable.

1. Joseph. 2. Betsey. 3. Charles. 4. John.+
 5. Judith, md. Parker Newhall.
 6. Thomas.+ 7. Daniel.+ 8. Artemas.
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(4.) John Kirk, md., 1808, Dorothy (Ramsdell) Green, youngest sister of Hannah Ramsdell, mother of Rebecca.

9. Daniel, b. March 22, 1809. 10. Dorothy, b. 1811.
 11. Mary, b. 1813; md. Nathaniel Peaslee, of Weare; a very worthy citizen; seven children; five daughters died, two sons living.
 12. Hannah, b. 1816.
 13. Lucy, b. 1818; md. Peter Hemphill.
 14. Samuel, b. 1820. 15. Robert, b. 1822.

This family removed to Alexandria, this state.

(6.) Thomas Kirk, md. Elizabeth B., dau. of William and Polly Bowman, Feb. 23, 1819. No children. She d. Jan. 15, 1842. He d. Sept. 18, 1862.

(7.) Daniel Kirk, md. Susan, dau. of John and Susanna Connor, Feb. 25, 1817. He followed the business of a drover. He d. in Nashua.

16. Susannah Kimball, b. Sept. 19, 1817; md. Alfred Winship, Nov. 12, 1840.
 17. Clarinda Elizabeth, b. Sept. 25, 1821; md., June 20, 1844, Enoch P. Couch, of Nashua.
 18. Sophronia Connor, b. May 13, 1824; md., Jan. 1, 1850, Henry L. Hardy, of Nashua. Two children. Md., second husband, Nov. 24, 1859, Cyrus M. Mitchell, of Nashua.
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KNOTT.

1. Charles Knott, son of Robert and Izannah Knott, was b. in Boston, April 7, 1828; printer by trade; md., Dec. 2, 1850, Eliza Jane Flanders, of this town, who d. July 18, 1862; and he md., second wife, Dec. 10, 1865, Ann R. Rollins, who d. April 22, 1878. He d. 1878. Children b. here, save the first one.

2. Robert Moore, b. Nov. 11, 1851.
 3. Elizabeth J., b. June 29, 1854; md. Thomas Howlett, Bradford.
 4. Georgie A., b. Sept. 30, 1855.
 5. Thomas, b. Sept. 29, 1857.
 6. Susie J., b. May 7, 1860.
 7. Mary J., b. April 20, 1862; d. Sept. 30, 1862.
By second wife.
 8. Clemmie M., b. July 2, 1869.
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LESLIE.

1. George Leslie, md. Miriam —, and resided in various places in this town. He d. April 2, 1813; his wife d. Dec. 13, 1817.
 2. Polly, b. May, 1788; md. — Greenleaf.
 3. Hannah, b. Sept. 26, 1789; md. John Harthorn.
 4. David, b. May 7, 1792; md. Patty Greenfield, May 10, 1818; several children; resides in Warner.
 5. George, b. March 31, 1794.
 6. Hepsibah, b. May 27, 1796; md. Abraham Kimball.
 7. Martha, b. April 30, 1798; md. Levi Washington.
 8. Sally, b. Oct. 13, 1800; md. Bartlett Mack.
 9. Betsey, b. Oct., 1804; md. — Hardy.
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LIVINGSTON.

1. William Livingston moved to this town from Billerica, Mass., in 1796, and settled upon the hill just westerly of West Henniker village. He was the son of Thomas Livingston, who came to town with him, and who died here Sept. 5, 1807. He md. Hannah —, and his children were all born in this town save the two oldest.
2. Hannah, b. Jan. 13, 1795; md. James Rice, April 27, 1815.
3. William, b. Aug. 16, 1796; md. Dec. 28, 1820, Elizabeth A. Patterson.
4. Judith, b. June 30, 1798; md., March 30, 1820, David Person.
5. Alpha, b. May 18, 1800.
6. Emeline, b. Feb. 12, 1804; d. June 11, 1808.

7. Harriet, b. July 11, 1805. S. Louisa, b. Feb. 20, 1808.
 9. Emeline, b. April 28, 1810.
 10. Charlotte, b. June 12, 1812.

This family settled in eastern New York mostly.

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11. Nathaniel Livingston, brother of William, came to this town from Billerica, Mass., in 1799, and lived many years in a little house that stood upon what was known as the "Darling acre lot," and just in the rear of the present residence of J. H. Albin. Five of his children were born in Billerica, the other five in this town. His wife was Lucy —, of Tewksbury, Mass.
12. Lucy, b. Nov. 2, 1788; md. Nathan Mears, Billerica; five children.
13. Nathaniel, b. June 16, 1791; md. Hannah Holden, in Ohio.
14. 1. Emeline. 15. 2. Lucy. 16. 3. Abby. 17. 4. Chancellor.
18. Lydia, b. April 24, 1793; md. Micah Howe, Jr.
19. Mary, b. Feb. 22, 1795; d. Feb. 29, 1816.
20. Mary, b. Feb. 22, 1796; unmd.
21. Phebe, b. Feb. 3, 1798; md. Joseph Marshall, Weare, Oct. 10, 1817; ten children.
22. Thomas, b. Aug. 16, 1800.†
23. Enoch, b. May 31, 1802; md., 1829, Malinda Flanders, Boscawen. Resided on Blackwater.
24. James, b. March 28, 1804; md., first wife, 1828, Marinda —: for his second wife, in 1841, Mrs. Eliza Roby; and for his third wife, 1850, Fanny G. Heath. Has resided in Minonk, Woodford county, Illinois, and vicinity, for the last twenty-five years. Children of first wife.
25. 1. Lucinda. 26. 2. Hiram. 27. 3. Isaiah.
28. 4. Philip.
 Children of second wife.
29. 5. Nathaniel. 30. 6. Lucinda. 31. 7. Martha. All b. either in Boscawen or Hopkinton.
32. Martha, b. March 20, 1806; d. Nov. 26, 1821.
33. Michael, b. April 30, 1810.†

(22.) Thomas Livingston, md., Nov. 20, 1823, Harriet Rice, dau. of Elijah Rice, of this town. A carpenter by

trade, and worked a large number of years at bridge-building. Having a correct musical ear, his services in his younger days were in good demand as a performer upon the bass drum. He d. Feb. 8, 1878. His wife d. in 1870.

34. Harrison, b. May 18, 1824; md., first wife, Catharine E. Atkins; tin-worker; lived in New York twenty-seven years; resides in Suncook.
35. 1. Charles E., b. Feb. 16, 1850; md. Amelia Dewey.
36. 2. Harriet A., b. March 25, 1854.
37. Son, b. Jan. 13, 1826; d. Jan. 13, 1826.
38. Juliette, b. Nov. 13, 1827.
39. Franklin, b. March 26, 1829.
40. Harriet, b. Feb. 11, 1832.
41. George, b. Feb. 1, 1845; md. Martha E. Page, June 13, 1874.
42. Anna, b. 1837; d. Feb. 26, 1842.
43. James, b. 1839; d. May 2, 1842.

(33.) Michael Livingston followed the sea a while, engaged in whaling; md. Abigail Foster, in Boston, in 1839; resided in this town until 1857, when he moved to the town of Clayton, Woodford county, Ill., where he has since resided. Is a prosperous farmer and an excellent citizen.

44. Edith Foster, b. Feb. 25, 1840; md. Henry Heath, of Clayton, Ill. No children.
45. Edson, b. Nov. 4, 1842; d. July. 25, 1844.
46. Orris Edson, b. May 29, 1845; d. Oct. 18, 1862.
47. Ransom, b. June 21, 1848; d. Aug. 3, 1848.
48. Earl G., b. May 30, 1850; md., 1871. Lucy Pare.
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MANSFIELD.

1. Samuel Mansfield, settled in this town before its incorporation, upon what is known as the "Patty Eastman place;" he was the first chorister here, and for several years was chosen by the town to "tune the psalm," and was paid yearly, for his services, the sum of three shillings. His son Samuel² md., May 1, 1796,

Patty Temple, dau. of Jonathan Temple, of this town. There is not much record of the family here. They moved to Brownfield, Me., where some of their descendants now live, valuable members of society.

3. Lois, b. Aug. 5, 1787; md. Timothy Gibson; d. May 2, 1864.
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MARSH.

1. Joseph Marsh, was b. in Londonderry in 1754; was brought up in the family of Thomas Wallace; was a farmer; he saw much service in the Revolutionary War, and was in Lexington the forenoon following the skirmish of April 19, 1775. In June, 1776, he commenced clearing his land in the south part of this town. At the close of the Revolution he married Mehitable Harriman; the farm has been in the family name since its clearing. He died July 8, 1837; his wife died March 24, 1816.
2. Betsey, b. Aug. 8, 1785; d. April 28, 1790.
3. Molly, b. Aug. 11, 1786; d. Jan. 8, 1833.
4. Robert, b. Sept. 24, 1787; was a soldier in the War of 1812; md., Dec. 19, 1815, Patty Barnes, of this town; no children. He d. June, 1866; his wife d. Sept. 17, 1859.
5. Eben, b. March 24, 1789; d. May 18, 1790.
6. Eben, b. July 13, 1790; d. July 9, 1793.
7. Betsey, b. Oct. 26, 1791; d. July 8, 1793.
8. Joseph, b. March 26, 1793. +
9. Parrott, b. Nov. 20, 1794. +
10. Mehitable, b. June 13, 1796; md. Alexander Caldwell.
11. Eldad, b. Aug. 4, 1798. + 12. John, b. Mar. 17, 1800. +
13. Sally, b. Dec. 3, 1801.
14. Lucy, b. Feb. 10, 1803; md., first husband, Adam Stuart; second, Frederick Woods.
15. Lydia G., b. June 8, 1805; d. Aug. 1, 1831; unmd.
16. Infant, b. April 9, 1809; d. same day.
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(8.) Joseph Marsh, md., April 2, 1816, Betsey Harthorn; he d. Sept. 11, 1823.

17. Mary, b. Aug. 27, 1816. 18. Ziba A., b. Dec. 21, 1818.

- (9.) Parrott Marsh, md., Oct. 7, 1824, Sally H., dau. of James and Dorcas Connor, of this town; was a farmer and shoemaker; was a prominent man in the town many years, and was often chosen to positions of honor and trust; representative to the legislature two years; a man of sound judgment. He d. Jan. 30, 1847; his wife d. Oct. 18, 1863.
18. Hiram, b. May 11, 1826; mechanic; taught school several winter terms; md., May 22, 1862, Sarah E. Gibson, of this town.
19. 1. Frank, b. 1863. 20. 2. James E., b. Apr. 7, 1874.
21. Horace, b. Feb. 2, 1829; d. Feb. 18, 1829.
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- (11.) Eldad Marsh, md., Oct. 7, 1835, Lydia G. Purington, of this town; has always resided upon the homestead; a worthy citizen.
22. George, b. May 10, 1837; d. June 28, 1837.
23. Joseph, b. June 21, 1838; md., first wife, S. M. Jones, of Deering; second wife, Mary Gilmore, in 1876.
24. Eliza Ann, b. June 18, 1840; md. Elijah Dow, of Weare; d. Dec. 17, 1872.
25. Susan Maria, b. Sept. 4, 1842; md., June 24, 1867, Stephen Gutterson, of Lynn, Mass. Teacher.
26. Caroline A, b. Jan. 26, 1845; md., June 4, 1868, Jacob S. Whitney; d. Aug. 8, 1869.
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- (12.) John Marsh, md., Aug. 3, 1831, Abigail Colburn, of this town; he d. Nov., 1874.
27. Nancy J. C., b. Jan. 12, 1834; md., Sept. 11, 1857, R. G. White.
28. Lydia G., b. May 13, 1836.
29. Marsena, b. Jan. 10, 1839.
30. Charles C., b. July 12, 1841.
31. Lucretia O., b. Oct. 12, 1844.
- This family moved to Manchester in 1849, then to Weare.
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MATTHEWS.

1. Timothy Matthews, came to this town from Stoneham, Mass., and md., March 16, 1816, Betsey Huntington,

sister of Jacob ; resided near the Friends' meeting-house. They lived awhile in Massachusetts, but both died in this town ; no children.

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2. Norman Matthews, son of Zenas and Ruth (Leavitt) Matthews, and grandson of Heman Matthews, of Bristol, Conn., was b. in Shipton, C. E. ; his mother was a niece of Dudley Leavitt's. He md., March 22, 1852, Malvina M. Daniels, of Lowell.
3. H. Jewett, b. 1854.
 4. Charles L., b. 1857 ;—both born in Derry.
 5. Frank W., b. 1859, in this town ; d. 1862.
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6. Joseph H. Matthews, brother of Norman, was b. at Shipton, C. E., Nov. 30, 1830 ; md. Adaline M. Adams, Aug. 26, 1855. Children born here.
7. Lizzie A., b. April 27, 1858.
 8. Louisa A., b. Sept. 19, 1859.
 9. John H., b. Nov. 17, 1862. 10. Geo. W., b. June 3, 1864.
 11. Herman W., b. Oct. 5, 1866.
 12. Grant E., b. July 28, 1868.
 13. Willard E., b. May 4, 1878.
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McALPINE.

1. George McAlpine, son of Daniel and Abigail Gould McAlpine, and grandson of George McAlpine, who resided in Hopkinton, was born in that town ; md., Aug., 1854, Betsey L. Hardy, of Warner.
2. Ellen S., b. in Warner. 3. Clarence H., b. in Warner.
 4. Minnie R., b. in Warner. 5. Alvah D., b. in Henniker.
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6. Christopher G. McAlpine, brother of George ; md., second wife, July 14, 1864, Mrs. Sarah E. Colby, who d. Dec., 1877 ; resides in the north-east part of the town ; is an extensive breeder of noted stock ; has represented Warner in the legislature, and has been county commissioner ; several children by first wife.

MIRICK.

1. William Mirick (or Merrick), was a descendant of the fifth generation from James Mirick, b. in England, in 1612, and settled in Newbury, Mass., and a grandson of James Mirick, 3d, also of Newbury. William was born in Newburyport, Mass. ; md. Elizabeth Bailey, of the same place, and settled in Boscawen. He came to this town during the Revolution, and settled where Joshua Sanborn resides. His children were all b. in Boscawen but the youngest. He d. Oct. 7, 1821 ; his wife d. March 9, 1813.
 2. Israel, b. 1769 ; d. young, from an injury of the spine.
 3. Isaac, b. 1771 ; killed by a falling tree, in this town, about 1790.
 4. Moses J., b. Nov. 4, 1773. †
 5. Polly, b. 1775 ; md. Wm. Bowman.
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- (4.) Moses J. Mirick, son of William, md., Nov. 25, 1794, Lydia Rice, dau. of Elijah and Prudence Rice, of this town ; he resided upon the homestead for many years, closing his long life where his daughters now reside. He d. July 6, 1862 ; his wife d. June 22, 1845.
 6. Edmund, b. July 3, 1796. †
 7. John, b. March 18, 1798 ; d. March 26, 1798.
 8. Elizabeth, b. May 13, 1799 ; unmd.
 9. Isaac, b. March 27, 1801 ; md. Louisa Moore, Needham, Mass. ; d. Dec. 28, 1834.
 10. Rial, b. Aug. 21, 1803. †
 11. Prudence, b. Dec. 1, 1805 ; unmd.
 12. William, b. Nov. 16, 1812. †
 13. Ursula, b. Dec. 29, 1814 ; md. Mark Tate ; d. April 6, 1845.
 14. 1. Henry M., d. young.
 15. 2. Henry M., md. Amelia Strickland.
 16. Susan R., b. May 16, 1817 ; md. Mark Tate.
 17. Mary B., b. Oct. 31, 1820 ; md. Walter Robinson, of Boston ; d. July 9, 1849.
 18. 1. James, b. Aug. 13, 1848 ; resides in South Newmarket.

- (6.) Edmund Mirick, son of Moses, md., May 2, 1821, Permelia Smith, of Shrewsbury, who was b. Jan. 22, 1801; resided several years in Worcester county, Mass., working at his trade of shoe-making; carried the mail and newspapers several years, then returned to this town, where he has since resided.
19. Sally L., b. Oct. 31, 1822; md. Freeman Gordon.
20. Lydia C., b. Sept. 19, 1832; md. — Harrington. Nine children, one of whom, Katie, has long resided with her grandparents. Teacher.
21. Louisa M., b. Feb. 24, 1835; md. Levi Houston, of Manchester; two children; resides in Penn.
22. William E., b. October, 1838; md. Sarah C. Jewett, of Clinton, Mass., where he has resided many years; is foreman upon a railroad.
23. 1. Elmer, b. March 27, 1862.
24. 2. Arthur G., b. May 26, 1863; d. Sept. 7, 1864.
25. 3. Arthur. 26. 4. Elizabeth L., b. Feb., 1873.
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- (10.) Rial Mirick, son of Moses, md. for his first wife, Lois French, dau. of Beaman French, of Warner, who died 1831; and he md., for his second wife, Susan G. French, sister of his first wife; resided many years in Warner, but has been a resident of this town many years. Is a shoemaker by trade.
- Child by first wife.
27. Lois, b. 1831; md. W. W. Gutterson.
- Child by second wife.
28. Henry E., b. 1834; md., Jan. 13, 1863, Mattie B. Stratton, of Northfield, Mass. Was for many years an employé of the Concord Railroad; several years clerk of the National Hotel, Washington, D. C., and in Richmond, Va., and other places. Is now a shoe and boot manufacturer.
29. 1. Frank Henry, b. in Richmond, April 29, 1866.
30. 2. Lena Belle, b. in Brooklyn, N. Y., March 23, 1868.
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- (12.) William Mirick, md. Alice Davis, dau. of Wm. Davis, and resides in Warner.

The later generations of this family prefer "Merrick," to "Mirick," and have so changed the name.

MODICA.

1. Joseph Modica was born in Palermo, Sicily, June 9, 1805. His early life was an eventful one. Between 1826 and 1828 he became a Free Mason, an interdicted organization in Italy at that date, the government being in the hands of the Roman Catholic element, and greatly obnoxious to the younger and more liberal portion of the people, who, a few years later, attempted its overthrow in the interest of freedom. He was an active participant in the revolution of 1830, and was a warm personal friend of the patriot Garibaldi, for whom he entertained the highest esteem. During that revolution he was captured, and was sentenced to be shot, but was saved from that fate by virtue of his being a Mason, he escaping from imprisonment and being secreted in a tomb for some time, and in a wood six months, where he was aided by his mother, who furnished him his subsistence. At the time of his capture he was terribly maltreated, being bayoneted in his left arm, and having his skull so badly crushed as to require trepanning; the scars of these wounds he carried to his grave. The spies of the government at length discovering his hiding-place, he escaped from the wood at night, and, through the aid of friends, was secreted on board an American vessel. He arrived in Boston in 1831, and at once engaged in the occupation to which he had been reared at home,—that of tailoring,—which business he pursued in Boston until 1851, when he came to this town, and continued in the same occupation until his death. After the revolution of 1848, the government of Italy, complimenting his heroism and patriotism, invited him to return to Italy and make it his home; but he had become so strongly attached to America and her institutions, and had such an intense dislike of what

he regarded as the despoilers and enemies of Italy, that he never revisited his native land, though he sympathized deeply with every progressive movement there. Mr. Modica was a genial gentleman, and highly esteemed by his fellow-townsmen. He was an industrious and thrifty business man, a kind neighbor, an indulgent father and husband, and a worthy citizen, and his death carried sorrow to the hearts of many friends, not only of his adopted country but in his native country, fair Italy. He died Aug. 11, 1871, of disease of the liver, and his funeral was one of the largest ever seen in this town. He was a member of Aurora Lodge, F. & A. Masons, of this town, also of Woods Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, of this town, and of Mount Horeb Commandery of Knight Templars, of Concord, all of which bodies, together with brethren from various lodges, chapters, and commanderies, united in paying the last sad rites to his memory. He married, April 25, 1839, Achsa Farrar, of Hillsborough, then residing in Boston, where his children were born.

2. Joseph A., b. May 6, 1840, in Boston; was engaged in mercantile business there at the breaking out of the Rebellion; Aug. 13, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Co. D, 11th Regt. N. H. Vols., and served through the war; he was promoted first lieutenant July 1, 1863; afterwards served many months upon the staff of Maj.-Gen. Potter, commanding the 2d Div., 9th A. C., and was appointed captain of U. S. Vols., by brevet, for gallant and meritorious conduct before Petersburg, Va., April 2, 1865; he was mustered out June 4, 1865. He won the highest regard of his comrades and of his superior officers as a brave and efficient soldier. After the war he engaged in trade in Chicago, and afterwards as a railroad employé, which business he still pursues. He md., Aug. 23, 1877, Rosa Donlevay, who d. June 1, 1879.
3. Frank B., b. May 13, 1843, in Boston; received his academic education and fitted for college at the academy in this town, and entered Dartmouth college in

1861; he left his studies, and was mustered as a private in Co. K, 16th Regt. N. H. Vols., Nov. 20, 1862; was made sergeant-major of the regiment, Nov. 22, 1862; promoted second lieutenant May 22, 1863; mustered out with his regiment at the expiration of their term of service of nine months, and resumed his studies at college, where he graduated in 1865; engaged in trade with his brother for a while in Chicago; afterwards became interested in the building of the Magdalena Railroad, in the United States of Colombia, South America, which has occupied much of his time since. He md., April 29, 1872, Delfina Fernandez, of Popayan, U. S. of Colombia; were md. at Bogota. Children b. here.

4. 1. Frances, b. Feb. 23, 1873.
 5. 2. Isabel, b. Jan. 18, 1876.
 6. Georgiana A., b. Aug. 22, 1847; md. John H. Albin, Sept. 5, 1872.
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MUNROE.

1. Reuben Munroe, son of Thaddeus Munroe, of Hillsborough, was b. Feb. 1, 1781, and settled in this town upon the place still known by his name in the north-west part of the town, before his marriage, which took place June 8, 1816, to Betsey S. Curtis of Hillsborough. He d. Dec. 10, 1840; his widow md., second husband, Isaac Merrill, of Hopkinton, and d. Apr. 16, 1873.
 2. Jotham, b. Jan. 19, 1819; d. Oct. 5, 1820.
 3. Lucy, b. April 9, 1822; d. Nov. 24, 1836.
 4. Hannah, b. Sept. 14, 1826; md. James H. Ray.
 5. Lucetta, b. Dec. 12, 1830; md. Walter Felch.
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MORGAN.

1. Nathaniel Morgan, was b. in Hopkinton; md., Sept. 11, 1822, Mehitable Colby, and resided in this town many years; afterwards removed to Hopkinton. When here, he resided in the south-west part of the town where Timothy Peaslee now lives.

2. Mary Ann, b. June 18, 1823.
 3. Edwin, b. May 2, 1825; d. June 7, 1851.
 4. Julia Ann, b. March 10, 1827; md. Frances Colby.
 5. Gilman C., b. Sept. 10, 1830.
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6. Smith Morgan, brother of Nathaniel; md Jennette —.
 7. Mary Elizabeth, b. March 19, 1832.
 8. Sarah Jane, b. July 1, 1835.
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9. Augustus Morgan, is a peg-maker by trade; he is the grandson of John Morgan, of Beverly, Mass., who afterwards moved to Springfield, this state, where he d., and is a son of Ephraim and Abby Damon Morgan; was b. in Francestown, June 29, 1830; md., Sept. 25, 1855, Lydia M., dau. of Jonathan and Mary Gordon, of this town.
 10. Edwin V., b. in Francestown, Oct. 8, 1856.
 11. Nellie M., b. in New Boston, Jan. 10, 1858.
 12. Frank H., b. in Hillsborough, Sept. 28, 1863.
 13. Emma J., b. in Bennington, July 30, 1865.
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MORRILL.

1. Ephraim Morrill, son of Paul Morrill, was born in Stow, Mass., Sept. 5, 1745; came to this town in 1765, and commenced a clearing upon the farm now owned by his grandson, Harrison Morrill. He built himself a log house, and in May, 1773, he went on horseback to Stow, Mass., where, on the 8th of that month, he was married to Susannah Gates, of that town; he brought her to his new home on the horse's back with himself. At the time he commenced his clearing, there were but few settlers in the town, and but two or three westerly from him. He used often to discharge his gun, and, if answered, he knew everything was all right. This method of communication was often practised in the early days. Mr. Morrill was one of the strong men of the town; honest, kind-

hearted, blunt, but generous, he was highly esteemed by his fellow-townsmen, who often elected him to positions of honor and trust. His wife was b. April 15, 1748; she was a most excellent woman, and a help-mate for her husband. They were people of sterling worth, and of deep religious convictions. Several years before his death, Mr. Morrill selected the 9th verse of the 2d chapter of 1st Corinthians to be used at his funeral, which request was complied with. He d. Aug. 2, 1841; his wife d. March 27, 1832. Mr. Morrill was one of a family of twelve sons and one daughter.

2. Elisha, b. Sept., 1774; graduated at Dartmouth; judge in New York city fifteen years.
 3. Paul, b. Aug. 21, 1776; d. May 18, 1781.
 4. Susanna, b. July 22, 1778; md., Oct. 25, 1829, Nathaniel Aiken.
 5. Ephraim, 2d, b. Nov. 14, 1780. +
 6. Mary, b. Feb. 24, 1783; d. Dec. 4, 1798.
 7. Martha, b. Nov. 27, 1784; d. July 18, 1794.
 8. John M., b. March 10, 1787; md., Dec. 31, 1807, Betsey Aiken; went to Texas with Gen. Houston.
 9. Paul, b. Nov. 14, 1790. +
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- (5.) Ephraim Morrill, 2d, md., April, 1805, Lucy, dau. of Lt. John and Lucy Smith, of this town, and resided upon the homestead, where he d. Feb. 6, 1832. His widow lived with her son Harrison, and d. April 10, 1875; she was a most estimable lady.
10. Elisha, b. Dec. 22, 1805. +
 11. Jane, b. March 28, 1807; md. James Wallace.
 12. Martha, b. Feb. 25, 1809; d. April 4, 1827.
 13. Ephraim, 3d, b. April 2, 1811. +
 14. Lucy, b. Dec. 4, 1813; md. Thomas Wallace, first husband. One son, William.
 15. Smith, b. Jan. 19, 1816; md. Susan Rice, of this town, who d. June 11, 1841; went to California in 1851, where he still resides.
 16. 1. John. 17. Susan, b. May 31, 1818; unmd.
 18. George, b. Aug. 13, 1821; resides in Grantham; md.

19. Paul, b. May 19, 1823; md. Fidelia Gillingham; he was hotel-keeper, butcher, and farmer; the last few years of his life he resided in Effingham county, Ill., where he d. in 1877; his wife d. in 1879.
20. 1. Son, b. Dec. 22, 1863.
21. Franklin, b. March 19, 1825; resides in California.
22. Harrison, b. Nov. 5, 1829; has always resided on the old homestead; often selectman, supervisor, and has held many other positions of trust; md., Feb. 25, 1861, Sarah D. Bell.
23. 1. Harry, b. Nov. 8, 1873.

(9.) Paul Morrill, md., 1816, Lovilla Walton, of Hillsborough; was in the War of 1812; resided in Cambridge, Mass. Had four children—one son for many years connected with the press in California, and at one time editor of the *Nashua Gazette*. He d. Sept. 15, 1865.

24. Charles, b. April 24, 1818.
25. David L., b. March 15, 1820.
26. Mary, b. March 20, 1822.
27. Walton, b. June 9, 1824; d. Sept. 15, 1865.

(10.) Elisha Morrill, md., first wife, March 24, 1830, Betsey, dau. of William and Hannah Wallace, of this town, who d. April 24, 1837; and he md., second wife, Dec. 5, 1832, Eleanor V. Gale, of Concord, where he resides; is largely interested in business in the West.

28. Betsey W., b. Sept. 12, 1835.
29. James V., b. July 3, 1837.
30. Eleanor, b. Mar. 5, 1839.
31. George M., b. March 24, 1841.
32. Lucy Jane, b. Sept. 27, 1843.
33. Elisha, b. Oct. 15, 1845; d. Aug. 8, 1863.
34. Henry, b. Oct. 30, 1847; d. Oct. 28, 1852.
35. John B., b. Sept. 16, 1849.
36. Mary P., b. May 15, 1851.
37. Ephraim, b. May 24, 1853.
38. Helen M., b. July 31, 1855.

(13.) Ephraim Morrill, 3d, md., Oct. 22, 1835, Sarah A., dau. of John and Anna S. Johnson, of this town; resides in Derry. Children b. here and in Malden, Mass.

39. Ephraim S., b. Sept. 26, 1836; d. Sept. 23, 1838.
 40. Sarah A., b. June 1, 1838; d. Aug. 3, 1841.
 41. James E., b. Jan. 12, 1842; md., Oct. 11, 1864, H. Jennie Marshall, of Derry, where he resides.
 42. 1. Mary E., b. Feb. 14, 1866.
 43. 2. Louisa M., b. Dec. 8, 1868.
 44. 3. William E., b. April 3, 1873.
 45. Mary A., b. Jan. 28, 1844; unmd.
 46. William H., b. Nov. 12, 1847; d. Feb. 3, 1848.
 47. Anna F., b. May 8, 1853.
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David Morrill, md. Anna —; d. Dec. 13, 1825.

48. Sarah, b. Jan. 8, 1792; md., Sept. 23, 1814, Perley Muzzey.
 49. Moses, b. Aug. 25, 1793; d. Sept. 26, 1831.
 50. David, b. Jan. 8, 1797.
 51. Abigail, b. Oct. 3, 1798; d. Jan. 3, 1800.
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1. Rev. Stephen Morrill, son of Dea. Asa and Sally (Sargent) Morrill, was b. in Danville, Vt., Dec. 24, 1831. He graduated at Dartmouth college, in 1855, and among his classmates were Judge W. H. H. Allen and Judge William S. Ladd, of this state, Hon. Nelson Dingley, ex-governor of Maine, and Hon. Walbridge A. Field, of Boston. After leaving Hanover he studied divinity two years at Andover, Mass., and afterwards two years at Chicago, where he graduated in 1859, and on May 12, the same year, he was ordained to the ministry, and installed as pastor of the Congregational church at Malden, Ill. During the War of the Rebellion he served as hospital chaplain, and was stationed some time at the hospital at Mound City, Ill. July 28, 1859, he md. Miss Ellen Bischo Batchelder, of Loudon. After the war he returned to the east, and was settled for a time at Hillsborough Bridge. He afterwards commenced preaching here, and was installed as pastor of the Congregational church in this town Sept. 1, 1870, and re-

mained here until 1873, when he was dismissed at his own request by a council. He was installed as pastor of the church at Harvard, Mass., in 1874, and was dismissed, owing to ill-health, in 1877, and removed to Amherst, Mass., to educate his eldest son, who was then in college in that town. Here he resided, preaching as his health would permit, until the spring of 1878, when, hoping a change of air might be of benefit to his failing health, he returned to his native home, in Vermont, where he d. of bilious fever, May 2, 1878. Mr. Morrill was a man of scholarly attainments. He possessed many of the Christian graces, and his death was a great loss, not only to his family, but to the church of which he had so long been a member.

2. Park. 3. Guy. d. 1877.
4. Thena, b. Dec. 25, 1870, in Henniker.
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MORRISON.

1. Samuel Morrison, and his family, came to this town about 1767, and settled on the farm known as the "Abram Gove place." Where he came from is unknown, as there is no record of his family. He was a Quaker in principle, and was supposed to have come direct from England.
2. Ephraim, his son, md. Ann Morrison, dau. of another Samuel Morrison, and resided where C. C. French resides.
3. Craig, another son, resided near where Martin Phillips lives; one child, Feb. 13, 1780. These two brothers were saddle-makers by trade. This family moved to Starksborough, Vt., about the close of the last century, where Craig ended his life by cutting his throat.

4. Samuel Morrison, son of Samuel,³ son of Samuel,² son of —, ¹ came from Ireland, and settled in Londonderry. He md. Peggy McPherson, who came to this country when nine years of age; resided a while in Londonderry, then in Bedford, and came to this town in 1780; settled upon the farm now owned by David Chase, erecting the first house on the hill, and clearing the first land. He was a noble specimen of the early Scotch-Irish settlers, who located in this and other towns. He d. Feb. 15, 1811; his wife d. Nov. 8, 1808.
5. Jane, b. Oct. 10, 1760; unmd. 6. James, b. 1761. +
 7. William. + 8. Molly.
 9. Ann, md. Ephraim Morrison.
 10. Susan. 11. John. 12. David.

(6.) James Morrison, always known as "Blind Jimmy Morrison," was accidentally injured in one of his eyes by a sharp brad in the end of a goad-stick in the hands of Joseph Patterson, who afterwards settled in this town with his father, Alexander. James was then a lad of five years of age, and was teaming the oxen, Mr. Patterson holding the plough. He soon lost the sight of both eyes. He md. Phebe Harriman, dau. of Joshua, and for a large number of years resided with his brother on the homestead. He was able to do something towards supporting himself by breaking flax, bottoming chairs with flags, husking corn, and other light work. He was a constant attendant at church on the Sabbath, and always left the house as soon as the sermon was ended, so as to be well on the road before the carriages began to move. He was a favorite in all the families which he visited. He d. Aug. 26, 1853.

(7.) William Morrison, md. Nov. 28, 1792, Jennie Dinsmore,

of Windham, a sister of Dr. Dinsmore, of this town.
He d. Jan. 31, 1853; his wife d. March 23, 1851.

13. Sally, b. Oct. 10, 1793; unmd.
 14. Samuel, b. Aug. 11, 1795.†
 15. Peggy, b. Aug. 16, 1797; md. John Tilton, New York.
 16. Jennie, b. Sept. 15, 1799; md. Elisha Wood.
 17. Clarissa, b. Aug. 20, 1802; md. F. Gilchrist, Franklin.
 18. William D., b. June 19, 1804; md. in Lowell, where he resided and died. He had the use of only one arm.
 19. Lydia, b. Oct. 9, 1806; md. F. Gilchrist, of Franklin.
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(14.) Samuel Morrison learned the trade of a clothier of William L. Woods, of West Henniker; afterwards worked where the kit factory now stands; then six years in Goffstown; then came back to town, and has since been a farmer; a highly-respected citizen; has been many years one of the deacons of the Congregational church at Hillsborough Bridge; he md., Sept. 3, 1818, Betsey Goss, of this town.

20. Jacob Goss, b. May 1, 1820; d. April 21, 1844.
 21. Samuel W., b. Dec. 21, 1821.†
 22. Sarah Jane, b. Sept. 17, 1823; md. Tristram Sawyer, of Hillsborough; d. Nov. 18, 1871. One child, Jane M., md. Frank L. Edwards, Nov., 1876.
 23. Margaret E., b. April 17, 1827; d. June 25, 1841.
 24. Thomas S., b. Aug. 12, 1831; d. April 4, 1833.
 25. Lydia D., b. Oct. 2, 1834; unmd.
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(21.) Samuel W. Morrison, md., Dec. 17, 1845, Emily V. Bragg, of Vassalboro', Me.; a carpenter, painter, and farmer.

26. Samuel C., b. Aug. 2, 1847; d. Sept. 20, 1853.
27. George W., b. Feb. 24, 1849; railroad conductor in the West; capable and energetic.
28. Jacob W., b. Feb. 18, 1853; d. Dec. 7, 1853.
29. Thomas S., b. and d. March 26, 1854.
30. Clarence W., b. Aug. 4, 1859; d. Nov. 16, 1863.
31. Belle Bragg, b. Sept. 2, 1864.

MORSE.

Several brothers of this name settled in this country.

1. Anthony Morse, was in Newbury, Mass., in 1635, and from him descended Josiah, who md., Feb. 18, 1773, at Chester, Lois Webster; they had a large family of children, one of whom only settled here.
3. Josiah Morse, son of Josiah and Lois (Webster) Morse, was b. in Chester, June 26, 1774; came to this town on reaching his majority, and md., Dec. 23, 1798, Betsey, dau. of Thomas and Persis Brown, of this town; resided many years where Mr. Adams lives,—the Daniel Cogswell place,—afterwards near where W. B. Barnes resides. Was a shoemaker, saddler, tanner and currier. He d. Dec. 15, 1833; his wife d. June 12, 1856.
4. Josiah, b. July 8, 1800; shoemaker and leather-dresser with his father; merchant a few years in Newbury, except which time he has been a resident of this town; many years a merchant here; Master of Aurora Lodge F. & A. Masons, and Past Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire; md., first wife, May 21, 1829, Caroline Lakin, of Hancock, who d. March 4, 1867; and he md., second wife, May 10, 1869, Sarah M. Cogswell, of this town.
5. 1. John W., b. April 8, 1830.†
6. Betsey, b. Dec. 2, 1801; d. Oct. 29, 1814.
7. Infant son, b. and d. March 25, 1803.
8. Louisa, b. Nov. 5, 1804; d. Dec. 16, 1804.
9. John W., b. Aug. 10, 1806; md., Aug. 16, 1835, Lucy Ann, dau. of Hon. Jonathan Gove, of Acworth; commenced mercantile life in Weare, in April, 1834; returned to this town in May, 1836, and in April, 1837, settled in Bradford, where he still resides, and where he has been in business since his removal there, save four years; has filled all the town offices; representative in the legislature seven years; state senator two years; delegate to the constitutional convention in 1876; postmaster several years, and a man of strict honor and integrity.
10. 1. John G., b. in Henniker, June 7, 1836; an energetic

and successful merchant (wholesale grocer) in Boston; unmd.

11. 2. Charles W., b. in Bradford, Feb. 11, 1839; is in business with his brother; md., Nov. 21, 1865, P. Josephine Merrill, of Plymouth.
12. 1. Alice, b. Oct. 6, 1866.
13. 2. Florence, b. Feb. 26, 1869.
14. Mary E., b. July 14, 1843; md. Lund —.

(5.) John W. Morse, md., June 19, 1851, Almira Gillingham; merchant with his father; postmaster several years; at present a travelling merchant; his wife d. Dec. 7, 1857.

15. } Infant sons, b. and d. March 3, 1852.
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17. Caroline L., b. May 3, 1854.
18. Frank W., b. Sept. 28, 1856; d. Sept. 12, 1857.

NICHOLS.

1. George Nichols, son of Samuel and Dorcas B. Nichols, was b. in So. Berwick, Me.; md. Anna Page, of Weare, March 16, 1829, and resided in the south part of this town; a member of the Friends' meeting.
2. Joshua M., b. 1832; d. 1863, in the service.
3. Maria, b. 1834; d. 1859.
4. Sarah, b. 1836; md., 1854, N. H. Perry.
5. Eunice, b. 1840; md. Nathan F. Oately, Dec. 15, 1864.
6. Albert, b. Feb., 1842. 7. Daniel M., b. 1843.
8. George W., b. 1847.
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9. Alonzo P. Nichols, b. in Springfield, Aug. 5, 1828; md., July 3, 1853, Sarah J. Stevens, of Springfield; miller.
10. Charles F., b. Dec. 1, 1856.
11. Elmer P., b. Jan. 3, 1863; b. in Springfield.

NEWHALL.

1. Stephen Newhall, son of Daniel and Molly Newhall, was b. in Lynn, Mass., April, 1793; md. Eunice Newton, and resided in the south part of the town;

was one of the leading members of the Methodist church. He d. April 24, 1858.

2. Mary S., b. May 27, 1832; md. James B. Brown.
 3. Mercy A., b. Aug. 26, 1839; md. Luther Eaton, of Hillsborough.
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NEWTON.

1. Richard Newton, was one of the petitioners for the grant of Marlboro', Mass., and came from England about 1635; was in Sudbury, Mass., in 1640, and was made a freeman in 1645; upon the division of the town, he came within the limits of Southboro', where he died Aug. 24, 1701, aged about 100 years. He left a large number of descendants, among whom was Micah,⁵ who was supposed to be the son of Ephraim,⁴ son of Daniel,³ son of Daniel,² son of Richard.¹

2. Micah Newton, was b. in Marlboro', and md., Jan. 2, 1745, Mary, dau. of Peter and Grace Howe. He d. Aug. 21, 1800.

3. Nahum Newton, son of Micah, was b. in Marlboro', Mass., Feb. 16, 1752, and md., 1777, Mercy Adams. He came to this town shortly after its incorporation, and settled where John A. Newton now resides; was the first settler in that part of the town. He d. Mar. 20, 1816; his wife d. Aug. 2, 1839.

4. Molly, b. May 30, 1778; md. Thomas Howlett; d. Dec. 18, 1860.

5. Silas, b. May 8, 1780; resided in Marlboro', Mass.

6. Mercy, b. May 4, 1782; md. John Wilson, and settled in Vermont, where she d. Sept. 26, 1851.

7. Solomon, b. Oct. 14, 1783.†

8. John, b. Nov. 22, 1785; md. Lydia Bowman, and settled in Newport; d. in 1871.

9. Betsey, b. Feb. 24, 1788; md. James Colby.

10. Lydia, b. Sept. 14, 1791; md. Josiah Brown; d. 1872.

11. Lucy, b. Aug. 31, 1793; md. James Brown; d. Jan. 10, 1863.
 12. Eunice, b. Nov. 27, 1796; md. Stephen Newhall.
 13. Abigail, b. Feb. 22, 1799; d. March 1, 1872; unmd.
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(7.) Solomon Newton, md., Feb. 16, 1809, Sally Colby, of this town, and resided most of his days upon the homestead. He d. June 29, 1865; his wife d. Jan. 3, 1857.

14. Catharine, b. Apr. 1, 1810; d. March 28, 1863; unmd.
 15. Delia, b. Oct. 30, 1811; md. Nahum Colby.
 16. Mercy A., b. Jan. 26, 1813; md. Lewis Colby.
 17. Sarah, b. May 29, 1815; unmd.
 18. Mary, b. April 6, 1817; md. Charles Gage, Nov. 9, 1847; resides in Bedford.
 19. Nahum, b. Dec. 31, 1819.†
 20. John A., b. Jan. 29, 1823.
 21. Levi C., b. March 23, 1826.†
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(19.) Nahum Newton, md., Feb. 22, 1848, Harriet N., dau. of Oliver and Anna S. Pillsbury.

22. Oliver A., b. Aug. 28, 1850; md., Jan. 3, 1873, Mary S. C. Ray, of Hillsborough.
 23. 1. Brainard P., b. Nov. 2, 1877.
 24. Anna J., b. June 6, 1858; teacher.
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(20.) John A. Newton, md., April 3, 1851, Matilda R. Chandler, of Hopkinton; resides on the homestead.

25. Charlotte M., b. Feb. 17, 1852, in Contoocook; teacher.
Children born here.
 26. Solomon Quincy, b. Feb. 11, 1856.
 27. Joel A., b. March 1, 1863; d. July 19, 1865.
 28. Edna Maria, b. July 21, 1867.
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(20.) Levi C. Newton, md., April 23, 1857, Eliza M., dau. of John and Eliza Peters, of this town.

29. Henry F., b. Jan. 25, 1858.
30. George A., b. Oct. 9, 1859.
31. Mary E. P., b. Jan. 9, 1864.

NOYES.

1. Rev. James Noyes, was b. in Chaulderton, Wiltshire, Eng., in 1608; md. Sarah Brown, of Southampton, Eng., and came to New England in 1634; settled in Newbury, Mass., in 1635. He d. Oct. 22, 1655.

2. Col. Thomas Noyes, son of Rev. James, md., first wife, Martha Pierce, Dec. 28, 1669; md., second wife, Sept. 24, 1677, Elizabeth Greenleaf.

3. Ebenezer Noyes, direct in line of descent from Col. Thomas, md. Betsey Greenleaf, and settled in Plaistow, where his family were born. Two sons settled here.
4. Oliver, b. May 12, 1759.+ 5. Nathaniel, b. 1768.+

- (4) Oliver Noyes, md., 1783, Mehitable Eaton, and came to this town immediately after; settled upon what is known as Noyes hill, in the south-east part of the town, upon the farm now owned and occupied by Thomas Brownrigg; he was a soldier in the Revolution several years prior to his marriage; represented this town in the legislature in 1813, '14, and '15; was one of the selectmen in 1804, '14, and '15; was one of the most influential and substantial citizens of the town for many years. The words upon his tombstone well illustrate his character. [See Burial-Yards.] He d. Oct. 24, 1842; his wife d. Sept. 3, 1842.
6. Hannah, b. Oct. 2, 1783; md. William Cressy.
7. Sally, b. April 2, 1786; md. John Campbell.
8. Betsey, b. April 28, 1789; md., July 8, 1812, James Howe, of Hopkinton.
9. James, b. Sept. 4, 1791; d. Nov. 7, 1838.
10. Mehitable, b. Oct. 11, 1793; d. May 24, 1796.
11. Nathaniel, b. Oct. 11, 1793.+
12. Franklin, b. Feb. 16, 1802.+

- (5.) Nathaniel Noyes, settled in this town with his brother Oliver, and, like him, was a while in the Revolutionary war. He md. Sally Whittaker, and settled where Mr. Martin now resides; he kept one of the first hotels in this town, and followed that business and farming as long as he lived. His first wife d. Feb. 3, 1837; and he md., second wife, Rachel, dau. of Jonathan and Betsey Cheney, of Bradford, Nov. 2, 1837. He was selectman in 1811, and was a justice of the peace for many years. He d. May 9, 1848.

Children of first wife.

13. Greenleaf, b. Sept. 27, 1798; md. Sophia Butler, who d. Sept. 20, 1829; he d. Sept. 14, 1831.
 14. 1. Nathaniel J., b. June 21, 1820. +
 15. 2. Sally, b. Feb. 9, 1823; md. Lewis Smith.
 16. Nathaniel J., b. Dec. 2, 1802; d. July 12, 1811.
 17. Infant, b. Feb., 1808; d. 24th of same month.

Children of second wife.

18. Betsey G., b. Oct. 10, 1838; md. W. O. Flanders.
 19. Sarah W., b. March 14, 1843; md. R. S. Howe.

- (11.) Nathaniel Noyes, md. Bathsheba Sargent, of Bradford, March 28, 1801, and resided in the south part of the town, upon the farm now owned by his son. He d. Feb. 9, 1870; his widow is still living.

20. Mary C., March 28, 1825.
 21. Infant son, b. April 25, 1828; d.
 22. Rosanna S., b. May 28, 1830; d. June 17, 1862.
 23. Frances E. G., b. Aug. 14, 1832.
 24. Oliver H., b. March 4, 1837. +

- (12.) Franklin Noyes, md., Dec. 20, 1826, Sally, dau. of Jasper Temple, and lived where Mrs. W. H. Gilmore resides. He d. April 7, 1861; his wife d. Feb. 13, 1880.

25. Mehitable, b. Sept. 3, 1828; md., 1851, William H. Gilmore.
 26. Sarah T., b. Oct. 10, 1835; md. W. H. Gilmore.

27. Julia G., b. Jan. 13, 1839; md., Nov., 1868, Charles F. Gilmore; resides in Washington, D. C.
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- (14.) Nathaniel J. Noyes, md., April 14, 1842, Harriet J. Cheney, dau. of Jonathan and Betsey Cheney, of Bradford, and was known as an excellent florist and genial citizen. He d. Oct. 14, 1878.
28. Harriet S., b. 1842; d. May 28, 1848.
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- (24.) Oliver H. Noyes, md. Mary J. Plummer, dau. of George W. and Louisa Plummer, of this town, Nov. 7, 1865, by Rev. B. M. Tillotson; has been engaged very extensively in the lumber business, and is at present landlord of the hotel in this town, and merchant; he represented the town in the legislature in 1874-'75, and was state senator from District No. 8 in 1877; one of the Fish Commissioners for the state several years, taking great interest in stocking the rivers and ponds of the state with valuable fish.
29. Rosa, b. Feb. 16, 1867.
30. Oliver C., b. Nov. 25, 1868.
31. Duncan Patterson, b. April 3, 1872.
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ORDWAY.

1. Joshua Ordway, son of John C. Ordway, was b. in Hopkinton, Nov. 10, 1822. He md. Martha Ryan, of Canterbury; came to this town; d. Jan. 8, 1863. [See sketches of soldiers]
 2. George O., b. May 18, 1848; d. Aug. 7, 1871.
 3. Seth E., b. Sept. 11, 1851; d. June 6, 1871.
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4. John H. Ordway, brother of Joshua, was b. July 12, 1839; served in the late war, from this town. Md., Aug. 26, 1862, Frances E. Ingalls, of Lowell.

OSBORNE.

1. David Osborne, son of Robert and Lucretia Osborne, was b. in Weare, Oct. 26, 1789; was long a resident of this town, upon the south side of Craney hill. A prominent member of the Friends' meeting; was a painter and farmer. He d. Jan. 18, 1873. [See 'Accidents.']

2. William Osborne,—son of William, who was b. in Enfield, resided in Salisbury, settled in Springfield, and md. Elizabeth Hogg,—was b. in Springfield, Oct. 31, 1824; md., Sept., 1855, first wife, Nancy S. Gilmore, of this town, who d. April 21, 1873. He md., second wife, June 9, 1876, Anna L. Lunt, of Charlestown, Mass. A carpenter, which trade he has followed here, in Manchester, and in other places.

Children of first wife, b. in Springfield.

3. Joel, b. July 30, 1857; printer.

4. Mary, b. Sept. 26, 1859; d. May 9, 1876.

Child of second wife.

5. Cora May, b. Dec. 24, 1878.

PAGE.

1. Jonathan Page, md. Sarah Duncan, of Antrim. He was a carpenter by trade. He resided in the "black house" that stood a few rods easterly from the present residence of R. S. Howe, which was burned.
2. Harriet, b. Aug. 5, 1822; d. Dec. 7, 1822.
3. Sarah Jane, b. Dec. 5, 1823. 4. Geo., b. Oct. 24, 1826.
5. Austin H., b. Nov. 13, 1828; d. Feb. 28, 1832.
6. William Duncan, b. April 26, 1831.
7. Alonzo, b. April 17, 1833.
8. Melina, b. June 26, 1835; d. March 20, 1836.†
9. Miriam, b. Oct. 24, 1837. 10. Harriet, b. 1839.
11. Henry E., b. Nov. 16, 1843.
12. Plummer B., b. Dec. 7, 1845.
- Alonzo, Henry E., and Plummer B., served in the 11th Reg't N. H. Vols., in the late war.

1. John Page, son of Johnson Page, was b. July 30, 1788 ;
md. Abigail Alley, who d. Dec. 29, 1854. Resided
in the south part of the town, and were members of
the Friends' society. He d. March 18, 1837.
2. Eliza Alley, b. Sept. 30, 1818 ; md. Lewis Greenleaf,
Oct. 3, 1843 ; resides in Weare.
3. Anna Gove, b. Sept. 4, 1821 ; md. James P. Adams ;
d. Dec. 6, 1866 ; three children.
4. Daniel Basset, b. April 20, 1826 ; d. July 9, 1849.
5. Enoch Johnson, b. April 15, 1828 ; d. Dec. 17, 1847.
6. John Herbert, b. May 25, 1837 ; md. Carrie Breed, of
Weare ; merchant in Weare ; two children.

PAIGE.

1. Samuel Paige, and his wife Polly, were the ancestors of
the Paige family in this town ; they resided in Ha-
verhill, Mass., where several of their children were
born ; afterwards came to this town ; he d. here Feb.
16, 1838.
2. Daniel, married, and went west.
3. Phebe, d. young.
4. Nathaniel, b. April 24, 1780 ; md. Susan Muzzey, and
settled in this town near where his son Samuel now
resides ; he d. May 20, 1859 ; his wife d. May 4, 1864.
5. Mary ; md. John Lloyd ; seven children.
6. Phebe ; md. John G. Duston.
7. Priscilla ; md. John Herrick.
8. Sophia.
9. Cynthia ; md. Squire Dow.
10. Lydia.
11. Hannah ; md. James Baker, of Weare.
12. Infant ; d.
13. Samuel ; b. Nov. 10, 1815 ; md., June 2, 1837, Mary
J. Patch.
14. 1. Oren Van Buren, b. Nov. 14, 1838 ; d. Jan. 30, 1842.
15. 2. Warren, b. Nov. 14, 1838 ; d. Nov. 17, 1838.
16. 3. Zeri W., b. Jan. 12, 1840 ; d. Jan. 25, 1842.
17. 4. Louisa J., b. April 29, 1841 ; md. Harvey Chase.
18. 5. Van R., b. Feb. 11, 1843.
19. 6. Sam K., b. Sept. 5, 1844 ; lawyer.
20. 7. Mary F., b. Feb. 7, 1846.
21. 8. Priscilla R., b. Sept. 20, 1847.
22. 9. George W., b. Oct. 4, 1849 ; md.
23. 10. Jeremiah A., b. Sept. 6, 1851.
24. 11. Elizabeth A., b. Nov. 29, 1853 ; md. Willis Carnes.
25. 12. M. DeWatts, b. Sept. 11, 1855 ; d. Dec. 11, 1874.
26. 13. Angelina A., b. May 29, 1857 ; md. Charles C. Carnes.
27. 14. Nellie S., b. April 16, 1862.

28. Martha; md. Samuel Hoyt.
 29. John M.; md. Calista Kezer.
 30. 1. Orlando. 31. 2. Alonzo. 32. 3. Alphonso.
 33. 4. Martha. 34. 5. Warren C.
 36. Seneth F.; md. M. N. Hawkes.
 37. Nathaniel, b. July 28, 1822; md. Fanny Chase; lives in Hopkinton; children born here.
 38. 1. Sarah A. 39. 2. Harvey N., b. Aug. 5, 1859.
 40. 3. Clara A., b. 1861. 41. 4. Anna F., b. Jan. 1, 1863.
 42. 5. Caddie, b. April 13, 1864.
 43. 6. Jennette, b. May 19, 1866.
 44. 7. Nancy, b. April 28, 1868.
 45. Polly; md. Thomas Muzzey, of Weare.
 46. Sally; md. Solomon Johnson.
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PATCH.

1. Reuben Patch, was a soldier in the Revolution; md. Mary Gregg, and resided in New Boston until near the close of the last century, when he settled in the south part of this town. Children born in New Boston, except the last.
2. John; md. Polly Peasley.
 3. Betsey; md. Abner Peasley.
 4. Sally; md. Nathaniel Peasley.
 5. Abigail; md. Timothy Kezer.
 6. Nathaniel, b. July 9, 1797. +
 7. Samuel; md. Cynthia Eastman.
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- (6.) Nathaniel Patch, md., March 15, 1821, Betsey, dau. of Samuel and Betsey Kimball, of this town. He resided in the south part of the town, where his son lives; was a captain in the state militia. He d. Dec. 21, 1859; his widow is still living.
8. Mary J., b. May 22, 1821; md. Samuel Paige.
 9. Betsey, b. Nov. 18, 1822; md. Blaisdell Clark.
 10. William H., b. Sept. 15, 1826; d. Sept. 12, 1829.
 11. George A., b. Aug. 28, 1830; d. May 28, 1831.
 12. Lorinda A., b. Sept. 20, 1832.
 13. Fanny C., b. June 11, 1836; md.
 14. Parker P., b. Mar. 10, 1841; md. Olive A. Stevens; lives on the homestead.
 15. 1. Georgia M., b. Dec. 20, 1864. 16. 2. Alice.

17. 3. Infant daughter. 18. 4. Infant son, b. Apr. 18, 1870.
 19. 5. Grace, b. June 16, 1872. 20. 6. M. Eugene, b. 1874.
 21. 7. Lovina. 22. 8. Infant son, b. March 1880.
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PATTEN.

1. Samuel Patten, and his wife Priscilla Moore, were both born in the north of Ireland, and emigrated to this country about 1760, and settled for a time in Londonderry, thence came to Deering.
 2. Jesse Patten, son of Samuel, was born in Deering in 1783; md. Mary, born in 1782, dau. of Abram Gove, of Seabrook; her mother was a dau. of Samuel and Jemima (Weare) Nudd. Mr. Patten came to this town in 1810, and settled where his son Squire now lives. He d. June, 15, 1867; his wife d. Dec. 24, 1863.
 3. Nancy, b. Oct. 7, 1803; d.
 4. Clarissa, b. Dec. 13, 1805; md. David Tucker.
 5. Mary, b. July 3, 1808; md., March 16, 1837, Franklin Wallace.
 6. Irene, b. June 2, 1811; unmd.
 7. Charlotte, b. Aug. 5, 1815; d. Dec. 25, 1820.
 8. Squire M., b. July 26, 1819.†
 9. Hiram G.; md., Oct. 2, 1851, Clarissa Loveren, of Deering; resides in Warner.
 10. 1. Eva Satira, b. Jan. 7, 1858.
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- (8.) Squire M. Patten, md., 1844, Mary J. Messer; resides on the homestead; several times selectman.
 11. James M., b. Feb., 1845; d. July, 1861.
 12. Minerva M., b. Nov., 1848; teacher.
 13. Frank D., b. Sept., 1853.
 14. Laura S., b. Oct., 1857; teacher.
 15. Emma J., b. Dec., 1861; d. Oct. 2, 1876.
 16. George E., b. July, 1864. 17. Clara E., b. April, 1866.
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PATTERSON.

The Pattersons who settled in this town were direct descendants of John¹, of Scotland, who settled in the north of Ireland. Alexander,⁴ son of Alexander³ (?), son of Robert,² son of John¹, was born in 1714, at Bush Mills, in the north of Ireland; he came to this country with his father in 1721, and settled in Londonderry; he held an office in that town in 1751. Married

Elizabeth Arbuckle, who was born in 1720, on the passage to this country; hers was the only name of any female attached to the call of Rev. David McGregor, the first minister of the West Parish in Londonderry. She was said to have been a "pert little woman, straight as an arrow, of great activity, running over with humor, and of an excellent education for her day." Mr. Patterson resided a short time in Pembroke, and then came here. [See Old Settlers.] He came into the township alone the first time, driving a cow and bringing a bag of meal, and made his bough house on the little step of land above the present residence of O. E. Wilson, on the east side of the road; his log cabin was built a little north from where the barn of Barak Colby now stands. He was a prominent man of the town, and was one of the selectmen several years after its incorporation: was a Revolutionary soldier. His wife taught one of the first schools; he resided here until 1799, when he moved to Thetford, Vt., thence to Strafford, Vt., where he died in 1802; his wife died the same year and in the same place.

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| 5. | Lydia. | 6. Mary. | 7. Joseph, b. 1750. + |
| 8. | Margaret, md. Elijah Rice. | | |
| 9. | Sarah, md. David Campbell. | | |
| 10. | Isaac. + | 11. Josiah. | 12. Josiah. + |
| 13. | Robert B., md. Jane Miltimore. | | |
| 14. | Alexander, b. July 10, 1763 + 15. James. | | |

These children were all born in Londonderry or Pembroke.

(7.) Joseph Patterson, resided upon the homestead; was a Revolutionary soldier, and acquired the title of "Honorable," which, in the olden time, was applied only to the most worthy. [See Revolutionary Soldiers.] He md. Susannah, dau. of William and Naomi (Bell) Duncan, of Londonderry; he d. Jan. 16, 1831; his wife d. March 23, 1812.

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| 16. | Abraham, md. Eunice Clough, Nov. 17, 1803. + | | |
| 17. | Elizabeth, m. James Joslin, Dec. 25, 1799. | | |
| 18. | Polly, md. Joseph Hoyt, March 8, 1802. | | |
| 19. | Joseph, d. in Ludlow, Vt. | | |
| 20. | William, b. Nov. 4, 1784. + 21. Samuel, d. in infancy. | | |
| 22. | Rachel, md. James Willis, of Lebanon, Aug. 23, 1807. | | |
| 23. | Susannah, md. Timothy Perry, of Newport, May 24, 1808. | | |
| 24. | George, md. twice; children by both wives; resided in | | |

Livingston county, N. Y., afterwards in northern Ohio.

25. Anna, d. Jan. 2, 1815; unmd.

26. Margaret, md. Sylvanus Hoyt, of Hanover; d. 1875.

(10.) Isaac Patterson, md. Marcy Nelson; resided a while where O. E. Wilson lives, afterwards in "Shabica," above his brother Alexander. He saw much service in the Revolution; when the War of 1812 broke out, he went on foot to Concord to enlist, but was rejected on account of his age. He d. Sept. 2, 1823.

27. Marcy, b. Oct. 27, 1790; md. Levi Barnes.

28. Fanny, b. Feb. 10, 1793; md. Amos Currier.

29. Nelson, b. June 19, 1795; d. in U. S. service.

30. Sylvia, b. Feb. 9, 1798; md. John Bacon.

31. Heman, b. Sept. 2, 1800.†

(12.) Josiah Patterson, md. Lucy, dau. of Ezekiel Smith; resided where O. E. Wilson lives, a while afterwards moved to Vermont. Children mostly born here.

32. Sally, md. — Barrett. 33. Alexander.

34. Dorcas, md. — Barrett. 35. Josiah. 36. James.

37. Lucy. 38. Abigail. 39. Robert. 40. Joel.

(14.) Alexander Patterson, md. Mary Nelson, of Stirling, Mass.; he erected the buildings in 1806 where W. C. Cogswell resides, and put in the first water-works in this town, which were used substantially until 1878; he was a prominent man of the town, and was familiarly known as "Uncle Sandy;" was full of humor and ready wit, and was a highly respected citizen. He d. Jan. 12, 1827.

41. Hannah, b. Aug. 27, 1787; md. Col. Imri Woods.

42. Lydia, b. Aug. 9, 1789; md. John Chase, of Weare; eight children—all daughters.

43. Levi, b. Sept. 3.†

44. Sophia, b. Jan. 7, 1794; md. Joel Howe.

45. Joab, b. Feb. 15, 1796.†

46. Elizabeth, b. March 31, 1798; md. William Livingston.

47. David N., b. June 1, 1800.†

48. Mary M., b. May 26, 1802. In her childhood, she had but slight advantages for education; she was obliged

to travel nearly two miles to attend school in the winter, as she could not be spared in the summer. Two of her teachers in the old school-house on the common were Capt. Isaac Long, afterwards connected with the Yellowstone exploring expedition, and Ichabod Bartlett, afterwards member of congress. She began teaching school in 1820, in this town; afterwards taught several terms in Warner; in June, 1828, she went to Cambridge, Washington county, N. Y., where she taught, in that and adjacent towns, for twenty years. In 1842 she was presented with a county license, and in 1844 with a state license, on parchment, giving her permission to teach anywhere in the state the remainder of her life. Feb. 18, 1846, she married Harvey Culver, of Cambridge, and removed to Bennington, Vt., where she taught a select school until 1854, when she returned to Cambridge, and opened a select school, which she taught for fifteen years, finishing her career as a teacher in March, 1869, having been almost constantly in the school-room for forty-nine years. Her husband died March 19, 1875, and she removed to Vassar, Mich., where she still resides. She has written much for the press, and is now engaged upon a work entitled "Recollections and Incidents." Has been a member of the Presbyterian church for fifty years; her eyesight is unimpaired, she having never yet used artificial help. She is a woman of rare excellence, and has led a busy life. Some of the first men and women of the country have been her pupils.

49. Dan, b. Nov. 11, 1804; d. Nov. 14, 1804.

50. Dan H., b. Nov. 11, 1806. †

51. Clara A., b. April 7, 1809; md. Joshua M. Johnson.

(16.) Abraham Patterson, md. Eunice, dau. of David and Demarara Clough, Nov. 17, 1803.

52. Jennette, b. Nov. 4, 1804. But little is known of this family.

(20.) William Patterson, md., first wife, Lydia Joslin, dau. of James Joslin, of this town, who was the first settler on the place owned by Jonathan Gordon. His wife d. March 12, 1816, and he md., for his second wife, Frances M. Shepard, of Holderness. He resided upon the homestead until 1843, when he moved to

Manchester. He was captain of one of the militia companies, and was an active, energetic man, and highly respected. He d. in Lowell, in April, 1862; his wife d. June, 1857.

Children by first wife.

53. Mary, b. 1811; d. March 24, 1812.
 54. Alonzo, b. March 21, 1813. +
 55. George W., b. March 12, 1815. +

Children by second wife.

56. Lydia J., b. May 27, 1822; d. Sept., 1836.
 57. James Willis, b. July 2, 1823. +
 58. Sophia Ann, b. in 1825; md. Charles Wilkins; resides in California.
 59. Joseph D., b. 1827; d. April, 1828.
 60. Harriet, b. 1830; md. Charles Smith, of Lawrence, Mass.

- (31.) Heman Patterson, md., Nov. 1, 1825, Mehitable, dau. of George and Hannah Connor. He d. in New Ipswich, March 5, 1857; his wife d. Nov. 4, 1874.

Born in Hopkinton.

61. Nelson R., b. March 10, 1827; md. Louisa Wilson, of Sharon, June 20, 1855; children b. there.
 62. 1. Alzada L., b. Aug. 28, 1856.
 63. 2. Heman D., b. Sept. 9, 1859.
 64. 3. Laura W., b. Dec. 20, 1860.
 65. 4. Nellie H., b. April 13, 1864.
 66. 5. Charles N., b. Dec. 21, 1867; d. May 10, 1868.
 67. Fanny E., b. Aug. 10, 1829.
 68. Hannah J., b. Jan. 22, 1833.
 69. Heman R., b. Nov. 7, 1835; md. Lydia Sanborn, May 2, 1876; selectman.

Born in Henniker.

70. Infant daughter, b. and d. April 11, 1838.
 71. Mary M., b. Feb. 29, 1840; md. C. C. French.

Beside living in this town and in Hopkinton, Mr. Patterson resided in Bedford four years, then in Nelson six years, then in New Ipswich, where he died. His wife d. here.

- (43.) Levi Patterson, md. Waity Matterson; resided here many years after marriage, then removed to Ulysses, Penn., where he d. Aug., 1852. Children b. here.

72. Mary A. 73. Elizabeth. 74. Imri Woods.



J. W. Patterson

(45.) Joab Patterson, md., Aug. 30, 1821, Mary Loveren, of Deering; was a clothier by trade; resided many years at Contoocookville, where he was post-master several years, and where he d. in 1879. His first wife d., and he md., second wife, Susan Herbert.

Children of first wife.

75. Mary J., b. April 23, 1823; md. Harry Fuller.
76. Sarah A., b. Feb. 20, 1825; md. Ezra Abbott. These two b. in Deering.

Born in Contoocookville.

77. Infant daughter, b. and d. July 20, 1827.
78. Joab Nelson, b. Jan. 12, 1835; grad. Dartmouth college; captain in 2d Reg't N. H. Vols.; lieutenant-colonel June 21, 1864; col. of 2d Reg't; Brig. Gen.; U. S. Marshal since 1866; md. Sarah Bouton; resides in Concord.

79. George H., b. Jan. 6, 1837. So. S. Folsom, b. Jan., 1840.

Child of second wife.

81. Harvey F., b. Aug., 1847.

(47.) David Patterson, md., March 16, 1830, Maria Woods, of Deering; was a clothier with his brother Joab; resides at Contoocookville with his second wife.

Children by first wife; b. in Contoocookville.

82. Susan M., b. Feb. 3, 1835; md. Capt. D. Howard.
83. William A., b. Dec. 12, 1836; md. Olive A. Allen.
84. Annette, b. Nov. 19, 1839.
85. Jennette, b. Nov. 19, 1839; md. Chas. Upton.

(50.) Dan H. Patterson; md. Hannah Morse, of Newbury, where he resides. Shoemaker. Children b. there.

86. Mary M., b. March 6, 1834; md. Alfred Sargent.
87. Martha M., b. Jan. 22, 1836; md. Cyrus Ayer.
88. Dalton S., b. Sept. 6, 1838; md. Lizzie A. Peabody; resides in Chicago; in mercantile business.

(54.) Alonzo Patterson, md., Nov. 25, 1841, Caroline E., dau. of Col. Imri and Hannah Woods, of this town. He has always resided here; has been selectman, and filled many other positions of honor and trust with fidelity.

89. George W., b. Nov. 27, 1843. +
 90. Ellen, b. Aug. 24, 1845; unmd.
 91. Georgiana, b. July 15, 1847; teacher; unmd.
 92. Hannah Maria, b. June 11, 1849.
 93. Herbert A., b. April 18, 1855.
 94. Hattie F., b. Aug. 5, 1858.
 95. Carrie W., b. Nov. 12, 1862.
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- (55.) George W., md., first wife, Nov. 25, 1841, Fanny Wilkins, of Lyndeborough, who d. Dec. 2, 1847; he md., second wife, Sept. 5, 1848, Julia A. Woods, dau. of William L. Woods, who d. Aug. 9, 1854; and he md., third wife, Oct. 6, 1855. Resides in Lowell, Mass., where he has been engaged in a cotton-mill for many years as overseer.
- Children first wife.
96. William J., b. Sept. 3, 1844; d. March 23, 1850.
 97. Fanny M., b. Aug. 4, 1847; d. Oct. 31, 1847.
- Child second wife.
98. David N., b. Aug. 9, 1854; a physician; md., May 20, 1879, Adaline Whitney.
- Children third wife.
99. George W., b. Feb. 15, 1858; d. Sept. 8, 1858.
 100. Maria D., b. Sept. 23, 1859; d. Nov. 8, 1862.
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- (57.) James Willis Patterson, remained at home, working upon the farm and attending the district school in winter until his father removed to Lowell, Mass., where he attended school a portion of the time, and, when out of school, worked in one of the cotton factories. At the end of five years, his father returned to this town, and here the son worked upon the farm in the summer and attended the district school in the winter. He returned to Lowell, where he worked a while in a factory, then in a counting-room one or two years, when he returned home again, and, at the age of eighteen, taught his first school at Westboro' Corner; attended the academy here two or three terms. He now determined to obtain an education, and, after one year of close study, he entered Dartmouth college, from which he graduated in 1848 at the head of his class; he went from college to Woodstock, Ct., taking charge of an academy, and reading law at the same time. In 1851, he entered the Theological Seminary, at New Haven, paying his expenses by teach-



Peter Patterson

ing a private class of ladies in that city ; in 1852 he was called to Dartmouth as tutor of Latin and Mathematics ; in 1854 was made professor of Mathematics, and afterwards of Astronomy and Meteorology ; was secretary of the Board of Education of this state from 1858 to 1862 ; was elected to the legislature in 1862 ; elected representative in congress in 1863, and reelected in 1865 ; chosen U. S. senator in 1867, which position he held six years ; has travelled extensively in Europe, and his services are in frequent demand for lectures upon his foreign travels, and also before literary and scientific societies. His powers of disputation and for argument began to unfold themselves when, in his boyhood, he took an active part in the debates in the town lyceum, where he was generally first in debate. In the U. S. senate he took high rank as an orator, not so much for the matter of speaking, but in the higher ranges of literature and statesmanship, his efforts at times attracting great attention. His oratory is of the fervid, impassioned style, and when roused in debate his flights of eloquence are often thrilling in the extreme. His home is at Hanover. He married, Dec. 24, 1854, Sarah P. Wilder, of Laconia, a graduate of New Hampton, and a lady of rare culture.

101. George Willis, b. Dec. 16, 1857 ; in Dartmouth college.
 102. Arthur H., b. June 12, 1862 ; d. April 19, 1863.

(89.) George W. Patterson, md., Nov. 21, 1873, Emma L. Emerton, of Wentworth ; resides on the homestead.

103. Eda G., b. Oct. 7, 1874.
 104. Ida F., b. April 18, 1876.
 105. Charles E., b. Jan. 1, 1878.

Peter Patterson, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Wallace) Patterson, was born in Londonderry, Nov. 14, 1779, and died Feb. 17, 1865, at Mount Morris, N. Y. In early life he learned the joiners' trade, which he followed until 1806, when he became a merchant at Derry, in partnership with his brother James ; he was engaged in mercantile business until 1820, when he purchased the Matthew Thornton house, in which he resided until 1829, when he removed to Warsaw, N. Y. During these nine years he was a farmer. After a short residence at Warsaw, he removed to Perry, N. Y., where he spent twenty years of his life. He then removed to Leicester, returning in a short time

to Warsaw, where he resided until his death. He represented Londonderry in the legislature in 1819 and '20; town-clerk in 1809, '11, '13, '15, and '17; selectman in 1813, and justice of the peace many years; was justice at Perry, N. Y., twelve years; represented Genesee county in the assembly of New York in 1833 and '34; and, upon the organization of Wyoming county, was appointed judge of the county court. He was a kind friend and neighbor, and personally very popular; was many years a member of the Presbyterian church. He married, Nov. 6, 1814, Mary, daughter of Judge Robert Wallace, of this town. One of his daughters (Susan) married John C. Woods, of this town.

Wallace. Mary. William C. Susan B.
Mrs. E. J. Harding.

PEABODY.

The Peabody family in this town are descendants, in a direct line, from Lieut. Francis Peabody, of St. Albans, Hertfordshire, England, who was b. in 1614, and came to this country in the ship Planter, in 1635, and first resided in Ipswich, Mass., afterwards permanently in Topsfield, Mass. The immediate ancestor of the family was Ammi Peabody, son of Jedediah, who was b. in Boxford, Mass., July 4, 1769. When twelve years of age he came to this vicinity with his father and lived for a short time in a house that stood in the "Peabody pasture," so-called, in the edge of Warner, now owned by Joshua Sanborn. He came to this town and remained until he was twenty-five years of age, when he made him a home in Newport. He md., Feb. 23, 1797, Polly Rice, dau. of Daniel and Sarah Rice, of this town. She lived but a short time, and he md., second wife, Dec. 12, 1802, Sarah Johnson, of Claremont.

Children of first wife.

1. Lucy, b. Oct. 9, 1797; md. Leonard Wood.
2. Martha, b. Oct. 23, 1799; md. Harry Phelps, Crown Point, N. Y.

Children by second wife.

3. Asenath, b. Oct. 15, 1803; d. Jan. 28, 1833.
4. Calvin, b. Jan. 18, 1805; d. in Mo.
5. Ruel, b. Nov. 13, 1807; living in Ill.
6. Maria, b. April 28, 1809; md. Dutton Woods.
7. Eliza, b. March 31, 1811; resides in Concord.
8. Frederick, b. Dec. 6, 1812; d. in Ill.
9. Sarah, b. Aug. 6, 1814; d. in Iowa.
10. Charles, b. Nov. 8, 1815; resides in Chicago.



Mary Wallace Patterson



11. Leonard W., b. Sept. 13, 1817.†
 12. Carroll W., b. Oct. 2, 1819.
 13. Dexter, b. Dec. 14, 1822; resides in Newport.
 14. Helen, b. May 6, 1826; principal of seminary, Oxford, Ohio.
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(11.) Leonard W. Peabody, received preparatory education at Kimball Union Academy, at Meriden, and at Concord Literary Institute; studied medicine with Drs. Haynes of Concord and Swett of Newport; attended medical lectures at Castleton and Woodstock, Vt.; graduated June, 1844; received honorary degree of Doctor of Medicine at Dartmouth in 1867; commenced practice in this town, but soon after removed to Epsom, where he resided until Nov., 1871, when he came to this town, and where he still resides. Was post-master of Epsom from 1861 to 1871; town-clerk in Epsom in 1871; justice of the peace and quorum for fifteen years. He md., Jan. 28, 1846, Louisa L. Kelley, of Warner, dau. of Hon. A. B. Kelley.

15. Elizabeth K., b. Dec. 31, 1846; md. Rev. W. Wilmer, Ind., Aug. 18, 1875.
 16. Sarah M., b. July 6, 1850. 17. Maria A., b. Apr. 1, 1852.
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PEARSON.

1. David Pearson was here early in this century. He was a wheelwright and carpenter; md., first wife, March 30, 1819, Judith Livingston, of this town, who d., and he md., second wife, Abigail Rice, of this town. He d. in Boscawen, March 26, 1874; his wife d. Sept. 23, 1859.
 2. Lucy Ann, b. March 9, 1820; unmd.
 3. Louisa, b. Nov. 9, 1821; md. — Meader.
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PEASLEE.

1. Micajah Peaslee, son of Joseph, md. Jane Morrison, and resided in Newton. He was a prominent member of the Society of Friends.

2. John Peaslee, son of Micajah, was b. in Newton, July 13, 1793; md., April 25, 1814, Hannah Adams, of Weare, and settled in this town, where he still resides with his son. Like his father he has been a devoted and faithful member of the Society of Friends, and has always maintained the reputation of an upright and honest man. His wife died July 11, 1867.
 3. Son, d. Nov. 30, 1815.
 4. Mary, b. Dec. 26, 1819; md. Allen Sawyer.
 5. Micajah, b. July 9, 1822.†
 6. Jane M., b. March 31, 1827.
 7. Moses, b. March 3, 1830; d. March 17, 1838.
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- (5.) Micajah Peaslee, md., Feb. 19, 1846, Seba Green, of Weare.
8. Charles H., b. Dec. 11, 1846; md. Annette Jones.
 9. Mary E., b. July 7, 1848; d. June 11, 1869.
 10. Fannie, b. Sept. 15, 1850. 11. Abbie, b. Feb. 26, 1858.
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12. Timothy Peasley, son of Philip Peasley, of Sandwich, md. Lydia Buxton, of Weare, and resided in the south-west part of this town, upon the place so long occupied by his son Timothy. He served two years in the War of 1812. His father, Philip, d. in the service in 1812. He d. April 21, 1853; his wife d. May 6, 1868.
 13. Ruth B., b. Jan. 26, 1821; md. John Codman, Oct. 23, 1845.
 14. Eliza G., b. April 9, 1824; md. Ebenezer Hemphill, Nov. 23, 1855.
 15. Infant, d. July 14, 1829.
 16. Lydia, b. Oct. 10, 1830; md.
 17. Timothy, b. July 10, 1833; md. Antoinette, dau. of Jonathan and Mary Gordon, Nov. 8, 1860.
 18. 1. Fred A., b. Nov. 11, 1861.
 19. 2. Flora M., b. Jan. 28, 1873.
 20. 3. Cora A., b. Aug. 20, 1874.

PEAVEY.

1. Jacob S. Peavey, b. in Greenfield, Dec. 24, 1797; came to this town in the early part of the century; md., Nov. 2, 1824, Susan, dau. of Phinehas and Susanna Campbell, and lived where W. B. Barnes resides; he was a wheelwright by occupation. His first wife d. Feb. 16, 1838, and he md., second wife, March 22, 1839, Sally, dau. of Joseph and Mehitable Marsh. Mr. Peavey resided in this town until 1843, when he removed to Manchester, and afterwards to Londonderry, where he died March 5, 1872. His children were all born in this town.
 2. Jacob C., b. Jan. 18, 1825; resides in California.
 3. Susan, b. March 18, 1827; d. April 14, 1865.
 4. Lucy E., b. July 17, 1831; md. — Parkhurst.
 5. Sarah A., b. June 15, 1833; md., Sept., 1865, Alfred Colby, of Dunbarton.
 6. Abial C., b. Oct. 15, 1835.
 7. Daniel M., b. Feb. 4, 1838.
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PERKINS.

1. David P. Perkins, was b. in Meredith, Jan. 29, 1810; entered New Hampton academy in the spring of 1826, where he pursued a preparatory course of study, supporting himself by teaching during the winter. He came to this town in March, 1835, and opened a select school in Bartlett's hall; kept the village school the winter following; the Elliot brick block being built in the summer of 1836, he taught a select school in it that fall, and the village school during the winter. In the spring of 1837 he opened a select school in Rockport, Mass., where he remained until 1839; then returned to this town, and taught school in the Elliot block; then returned to his school in Rockport again. In 1841 he was principal of the High School

in Manchester, being the first teacher there; he remained in this school two years, and then commenced reading law in the office of Hon. George W. Morrison, and was admitted to the bar in 1849; was special justice of the police court several years; formed a law partnership with Hon. Moses Norris; in 1853 received an appointment in the Pension Bureau at Washington, where he remained until July, 1863, when he returned to this town and engaged in farming several years; then removed to Manchester, where he is practising law in company with his son, a rising young lawyer. Mr. Perkins married, 1839, second wife, Mary M., dau. of Col. Imri and Hannah Woods, of this town. Two children,—David L. and Mary Eliza.

Elbridge Perkins, was a tailor here previous to Mr. Webster; he resided here a few years; lives in Wilton. No record of his family.

PERRY.

1. Joseph Perry, was b. in Milford, and md., Feb. 26, 1795, Sarah, dau. of Moses and Marcy Duston, of this town; resided until his death with his father-in-law. He d., and his widow md., second husband, Enoch Pressey, of this town.
 2. Moses, b. 1795. 3. William, b. 1797.+
 4. David D., b. Oct. 3, 1798.+
 5. Phebe, md., Jan. 27, 1825, Simon Low.
 6. Caleb, b. March 26, 1817.+
 7. Susanna.
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- (3.) William Perry, md., Dec. 13, 1821, Aseneth, dau. of Enoch and Mary (Cass) Perry, of this town. His children, save the two first, were born in this town.
 8. William P., b. Jan. 3, 1820.
 9. Lucinda G., b. May 9, 1822.

- (4.) David D. Perry, md., June 24, 1819, Hannah, dau. of John and — Fracheur. of this town. He lived in the north-east part of the town where his son Moses now resides. He d. May 7, 1862; his wife d. 1875.
10. John F., b. Sept. 17, 1819.†
 11. Abigail F., b. May 27, 1821.
 12. Moses D., b. April 22, 1823.
 13. Eliza F., b. May 6, 1825; md., first husband, Joseph P. Kenney; second, John L. Favor.
 14. Sylva C., b. May 4, 1827.
 15. Hannah F., b. Mar. 19, 1830.
 16. Caroline, b. Sept. 19, 1834; d. Sept. 22, 1834.
 17. Matthew H., b. Nov. 19, 1835.
 18. Lucinda M., b. Sept. 16, 1838.
 19. Christopher, b. Sept. 3, 1840; d. May 18, 1844.
 20. Francis L., b. Jan. 6, 1845.
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- (6.) Caleb D. Perry, md. Miriam Rogers; he d. Feb. 9, 1870; his wife d. March 3, 1877.
21. Son, b. 1837; d. Feb. 8, 1841.
 22. Robert R., b. 1844; d. Feb. 18, 1875,—and others.
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- (10.) John F. Perry, md., first wife, 1843, Roxana Scribner, of Salisbury.
23. Julia A., b. 1844; md. D. K. Robbins.
 24. Sylva R., b. 1846; md. O. E. Seward.
 25. Frances H., b. 1849; teacher. 26. Frank D., b. 1851.
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PETERS.

James Peters, one of the original proprietors of this township, was in Concord with his family, and was in the garrison at the West Parish, Aug. 11, 1746. James, the settler here, and his son William, were also there at the same time. The family soon after settled in Hopkinton.

1. James Peters, the first settler of the town, and son of James, one of the original proprietors of the township, of whom mention is made elsewhere, moved to this town from Hopkinton. [See Early Settlers.] There is but little record of him or of his family.

2. William. † 3. Sibbons, d. prior to 1772, aged 16 years.
 4. Joseph, b. 1768; md. Sarah Peters, Nov. 29, 1791.
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- (2.) William Peters, md. Sarah Peters, and came to Henniker a short time after his father. [See Early Settlers.] He was killed by a falling tree, July 5, 1775, a little east of the present residence of Frank Goss.
5. Mary, b. 1779. 6. Jacob, b. Aug. 17, 1772. †
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- (6.) Jacob Peters, md. Dec. 3, 1793, Sarah Wood Eager, of this town, and always resided upon the homestead. His wife died July 26, 1814, and he md., for his second wife, Sept. 7, 1815, Anna Cochran. He d. Sept. 19, 1845.
- Children by first wife.
7. William, b. Sept. 10, 1794.
 8. John, b. Sept. 29, 1796. †
 9. Hannah, b. June 7, 1799; d. Nov. 28, 1825.
 10. Elizabeth, b. Dec. 2, 1801.
 11. Moses S., b. June 10, 1804; md., Nov. 8, 1827, Lois M. Phillips.
 12. Lois, b. Feb. 14, 1809; md. Henry F. Murdough, Dec. 24, 1829.
- Children by second wife.
13. Joseph C., b. June 1, 1816.
 14. Sarah W., b. Feb. 28, 1818; md., first husband, Joseph Colby; second husband, C. G. McAlpine.
 15. Mary C., b. Nov. 21, 1819. 16. Jacob, b. Oct. 9, 1821.
 17. Fanny, b. 1827; d. April 13, 1831.
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- (8.) John Peters, md. Feb. 17, 1825, Eliza, dau. of Zebulon and Polly Foster, of this town; was a cabinet-maker by trade; resided at West Henniker. His first wife d. Jan. 18, 1855; he md., second wife, Nov. 1, 1855, Mary Sawyer, of Warner. He d. April 4, 1876.
18. John F., b. Feb. 14, 1826. †
 19. Eliza M., b. Aug. 14, 1827; md. Levi C. Newton.
 20. Walter H., b. March 2, 1831; d. April 13, 1846.
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- (18.) John F. Peters, resides in Concord; an employé of the Concord Railroad four years, and a large portion of



Oliver P. Pillsbury

Anna J. Pillsbury

the last twenty-three years express messenger between Concord and Boston ; md., Nov. 3, 1857, Hattie J. Heath, of Bristol.

21. Everett F., b. March 12, 1863 ; d. July 28, 1863.
 22. Arthur W., b. Oct. 29, 1867 ; d. Oct. 14, 1872.
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PHILLIPS.

1. Ebenezer Phillips, md. Hannah Eager, and resided in the east part of the town.
 2. Polly, b. July 19, 1799 ; md. Daniel L. Tucker, March 6, 1823.
 3. Lois M., b. March 1, 1804 ; md. Moses S. Peters.
 4. Ebenezer, b. Nov. 9, 1808 ; md. Eliza Fracheur, who d. March 20, 1848.
 5. 1. Oliver C., b. June 6, 1847.
 6. John F., b. July 12, 1813 ; d. Nov. 8, 1817.
 7. Martin E., b. Aug. 4, 1815. †
 8. Sarah W. E. P., b. Sept. 24, 1817 ; md. Joseph Peters.
 9. Dexter F., b. July 7, 1819.
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- (7.) Martin E. Phillips, md. Mary J. Emerson, of Hopkinton, Oct. 29, 1844. Mechanic.
10. Ira C., b. Nov. 27, 1845 ; md., Nov. 27, 1867, Angie M. Hardy.
 11. John S., b. March 5, 1847. 12. Sara E., b. Nov. 16, 1848.
 13. Eliza J., b. June 15, 1850.
 14. Mary A., b. Nov. 25, 1851 ; d. March 15, 1871.
 15. Miriam S., b. Aug. 19, 1853.
 16. Seth G., b. Feb. 8, 1855. 17. James B., b. Jan. 20, 1857.
 18. William E., b. Oct. 20, 1858 ; d. Feb. 12, 1875.
 19. Emma H., b. Jan. 27, 1862.
 20. Henry A., b. May 22, 1865.
 21. Frank H., b. May 6, 1867 ; d. July 10, 1867.
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PILLSBURY.

1. Dea. Oliver Pillsbury, was born in Newbury, now Newburyport, Mass., Oct. 29, 1783. His parents were Parker and Sarah Dickinson Pillsbury. Coffin's history of Newbury names William Pillsbury as settled in that town, who emigrated from Dorchester, England, about 1641, and died June 19, 1686. It further appears that

he bought of one Edward Rawson the farm now owned by Joshua Pillsbury, a direct descendant, the house upon which was erected in 1700. This house, now a very comfortable one, but of most venerable appearance and antique style, displaced one of logs, in which one generation of Pillsburys were born, while seven generations have been born in the present house. It is shown by deeds and wills that this place has been already owned by a Joshua Pillsbury 194 years. It is believed that all the Pillsburys in this country originated here. In 1787, when Oliver was four years old, his father moved to West Boscawen (now Webster), then a wilderness. At the age of 19, Oliver returned to Newbury, and, after farming awhile, hired himself to a blacksmith. His aptness for this trade was such that at the end of six months he received full journeyman's pay. Before entering into business for himself he went to Dummer academy, in Byfield, to improve his education, never having before studied arithmetic but one term of six weeks. He there made acquaintance with a school-mate from Chebacco (now Essex) by the name of Anna Smith. The result was their marriage on the 8th of Dec., 1808. They settled in Hamilton, Mass., he as a blacksmith doing the work of a chaise manufactory. In 1814, the war interfering with the business of the concern, they moved to Henniker, purchasing the farm at the south-west part of the town now owned by Hiram G. Patten. War prices then ruled for all agricultural products, and he took the risk of incurring a debt of fifteen hundred dollars. But, with the peace concluded with Great Britain in 1815, farm products declined to a low figure, so that it required a long, hard struggle to cancel this debt, the interest paid nearly equalling the principal before final settlement. And yet no man was more active in promoting the general welfare of the town. In the construction of roads and bridges, erecting or repairing churches, school-houses, or other public improvements, he cheerfully paid his full share of the expenses. In 1824 he united with the Congregational church, and was subsequently elected a deacon, which office he held till his death. Of him it may truly be said, that he signally adorned the position by "a well ordered life and godly conversation." He was frequently superintendent of the Sunday-school, which always flourished under his fostering care. For many summers he sustained such a school in his own remote district, meeting a houseful there after having been with

his own family four miles to church and attended two long services, besides the Sunday-school at noon. In the meantime he fitted up a large room at his own home, at considerable expense, for a singing-school, and invited all the young people to attend, rent and fuel free. Most of those in two school districts, of suitable age, gladly embraced the opportunity, and a pleasant and profitable event it proved, under the instruction of Col. Imri Woods, the well known music teacher, of Henniker. He was among the first to espouse the cause of temperance and anti-slavery, and took a deep interest in all the benevolent and philanthropic objects of the day. In 1835 he sold his farm, and purchased that now owned by Geo. W. Rice, residing there till 1849, when, notwithstanding his massive frame and powerful physical organization, age and infirmities admonished him to seek respite from incessant labor. Selling his farm to his son Oliver, he purchased the lot and built the house now owned by Mrs. L. W. Cogswell, where he resided till his death, which occurred Feb. 27, 1857. His wife died July 8, 1879. Mrs. Pillsbury was a very strong woman, physically as well as mentally, and was endowed with a rare combination of requisites for a pattern wife, mother, neighbor, and friend. She lived to the age of 94 years, retaining all her faculties in a remarkable degree to the end of her most active and beneficent life.

Three first children born in Hamilton, Mass.; the others in Henniker.

2. Parker, b. Sept. 22, 1809. +
3. Josiah W., b. March 20, 1811. +
4. Gilbert, b. Feb. 23, 1813 +
5. Oliver, b. March 22, 1815; d. April 15, 1816.
6. Oliver, b. Feb. 16, 1817. +
7. Eliza Ann, b. March 12, 1819; md., first husband, Peter Eaton; second husband, O. E. Wilson.
8. Harriet N., b. May 25, 1821; md. Nahum Newton.
9. Mary S., b. Feb. 28, 1823; md. L. W. Cogswell.
10. Enoch, b. June 28, 1825. +
11. Moses F., b. April 3, 1827; was a quiet home farmer. of sterling worth and integrity; taught school successfully several terms, and was one of the selectmen at the time of his death; he md., March 19, 1857, Hannah S., dau. of Carlton S. and Delilah Dodge; he d. Feb. 20, 1865.
12. 1. Henry, b. Feb. 4, 1862.

13. 2. Charles F., b. Dec. 6, 1863; d. March 4, 1871.
14. William H., b. May 14, 1830; d. April 10, 1833.
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(2) Parker Pillsbury remained mostly at home on the farm till about twenty years old. His opportunities for education were limited to the district school, which he attended only the short winter terms, after he could be made available in the field. In 1829 he returned to his native Massachusetts, and resided three years in Lynn. He was employed most of this time in driving an express and baggage wagon between Lynn and Boston. In 1832 he returned to Henniker, and resumed work upon the old farm. He was at one time commander of the West militia company of this town. In two or three years from this time he joined the church, and, becoming a very active worker in promoting the cause of religion through Sunday-schools and social meetings in various places, he was strongly urged by ministers and others who had made his acquaintance to pursue a course of preparatory study for the ministry. After much hesitation he decided to enter upon a four-years course, the last year at Andover Theological Seminary. He was licensed to preach by the Suffolk Association, of Boston, and hired for one year by the Congregational church in Loudon. At this time the anti-slavery agitation had begun to attract much attention. Outrages of a fearful character had been perpetrated upon the abolitionists. Garrison had been mobbed in Boston, Lovejoy murdered in Alton, Illinois, and Pennsylvania hall, in Philadelphia, had been burned by a mob. He could not preach the gospel of the Prince of Peace, as he thought, without rebuking these and similar outrages. Being deeply sincere and earnest in his convictions, and determined to follow them at whatever cost, early in 1840 he abandoned the ministry, and entered the anti-slavery conflict by the side of Garrison, Rogers, Phillips, Foster, and other heroic leaders. From this time until the "sum of all villainies" ceased to pollute our fair domain he was incessant in his labors, visiting most of the Northern states, and passing through many scenes of peril and danger. Since the abolition of slavery, he has occupied his time largely in the cause of liberal radical reform in politics, social economy, and progress generally. His style of speaking is peculiar to himself, and is characterized by ponderous blows, marshalled in plain Saxon, spiced with keen sarcasm, and

made effective by an inexhaustible fund of fact and apt illustration. He md., Jan. 1, 1840, Sarah H. Sargent, of Concord, where he still resides.

15. Helen Buffum, b. June 14, 1843.
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- (3.) Josiah Webster Pillsbury, spent his minority on the farm, attending school in the winter; subsequently fitted for college at Andover, Mass., and at Derry, N. H.; graduated at Dartmouth college in 1840. After graduation, he taught the academy in Pepperell, Mass., and the high school in Weymouth, Mass.; afterwards taught, in connection with farming and other manual and literary duties; held the position of school commissioner for Hillsborough county; has been superintending school committee and selectman in Amherst and in Milford, and is known as one of the prominent educators in the state. He has contributed many articles for the press, and some of his poetical effusions have been of much merit. He resides in Milford, and is a most worthy citizen. He md., June 1, 1841, Elizabeth Dinsmore of Lowell, Mass.

Born in Milford.

16. Antoinette A., b. May 27, 1846; d. Aug. 12, 1866.
 17. Albert Enoch, b. Aug. 19, 1849; passed through the graded schools of Milford, and studied afterwards at New Ipswich, Groton, Mass., and Harvard college; taught school in Illinois, where he read law; has been practising in Boston for eight years; has been a representative from Boston in the legislature three years, taking a high rank as a legislator; has been very successful as a lawyer, and has a fine promise for the future before him.
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- (4.) Gilbert Pillsbury, spent his childhood and youth, like most boys, on farms in back neighborhoods, with limited school privileges and plenty of laborious work. On reaching his majority, he commenced fitting for college at Phillips academy, Andover, Mass.. After about one year's study there, he was one of fifty-two students who turned their backs upon that institution on account of the vigorous pro-slavery restrictions imposed upon them. He completed his preparatory studies at Derry, N. H., and graduated from Dartmouth college in 1841, having nearly paid his way by teaching and singing winters. In 1842 he married Ann Frances Ray, a highly edu-

cated lady of Ludlow, Mass. They taught select schools together in New York city and at Somerville, N. J., several years, when, in 1854, they returned to Massachusetts and established a young ladies' boarding-school at Ludlow, which they continued successfully until the War of the Rebellion. In the meantime (in 1855) he was elected to the state senate, and was one of the few who procured the first election of Hon. Henry Wilson to the U. S. senate, against much opposition. Being desirous of exemplifying their sympathy for the colored race by deeds as well as by words, in 1863 they went to Hilton Head, S. C., where he was made agent for the freedmen, being employed by the government. When Charleston was evacuated, he was ordered there by Gen. Saxton. The whole city was placed at his disposal from which to assign homes for the thousands of freedmen and loyal whites who flocked thither at that time; also to furnish food, clothing, and educational facilities, so far as possible, and to guard the rights of the freed people in their new relation. This was a task requiring judgment, tact, and courage. He proved equal to the emergency; and peace, order, and comfort soon prevailed. At the close of the war he was chosen a member of the constitutional convention of South Carolina, and subsequently was elected the first mayor of Charleston after reconstruction, which position he occupied three years. During this time he caused many improvements to be made, and did much to repair the wastes of war. After nine years of service in that region, they returned to Massachusetts, and now propose to spend their remaining years upon their beautiful little farm in North Abington.

- (6.) Oliver Pillsbury, remained on the farm until seventeen years of age, when, being threatened with permanent lameness, he attended school at the village during the summer and fall, teaching the next winter, and resuming school again in the spring. He continued to alternate between farming, attending school, and teaching, until the spring of 1839, when he went to New Jersey and opened a tuition school. He taught there eight years, the last six in the academy at Bound Brook, Somerset county. In the meantime he married Matilda Nevius, a native of New Jersey, who died in 1847, leaving him a daughter two years and eight months old. His health being much impaired, and desiring to place



Oliver Pillsbury

his child in care of his sister, he returned to Henniker. Upon partial recovery of his health, he purchased of his father the farm now owned by George W. Rice, and occupied it seventeen years, in which time he fully doubled its products by various improvements. Dec. 25, 1850, he married Sarah Wilkins, daughter of James and Sarah F. Wilkins. Soon after his return to Henniker, with the aid of the Temperance and Anti-Slavery movements, in both of which he was deeply interested, he, with the coöperation of a few others, produced a revolution in the politics of the town, the result of which was that he was subsequently elected fourteen times moderator in town-meeting, six times selectman, and three times to the legislature. In 1862 he was elected to the governor's council, and reëlected in 1863, serving as chairman of the military committee of the council, a most responsible position during that eventful period of the civil war. In 1869 he was appointed by Gov. Stearns insurance commissioner for three years, and the next year drafted and procured the enactment of the present insurance law relative to insurance companies of other states, thus establishing an insurance department which has resulted in giving the people a degree of protection never before enjoyed, by ferreting out and excluding unreliable companies from the state, and also in bringing into the state treasury an average annual revenue of \$10,000 besides his own compensation. He moved to Concord in 1871. He has been three times reappointed to this position, having already held it continuously eleven years, and still retaining it. In the meantime he has represented Ward 4 two years in the legislature, and has been a member of the Board of Education seven years, which position he also still holds. It is no exaggeration to say that Mr. Pillsbury has discharged the duties of these varied positions with signal intelligence, fidelity, and success.

18. Mary Matilda, b. Oct. 12, 1844; md. Jonathan S. Eveleth, of Beverly, Mass.; d. June 27, 1875.
 19. 1. Oliver P., b. Feb. 5, 1875; d. May 4, 1875.
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- (10.) Enoch Pillsbury, very early exhibited a love for books, and always took the lead in all school studies; but as soon as he was old enough to be of service on the farm, his schooling was limited to the short winter terms until he was sixteen years old, when he attended the academy during the fall term; that winter he taught school

in the Dodge district, and a short term at Deering. After laboring on the farm the following summer, he went to New Jersey to assist his brother Oliver in his school. Having done so six months, he was invited to take charge of a school a few miles from his brother's, which he did, and taught successfully until within one week of his death. During this time he made himself complete master of Gummere's Surveying, Day's Algebra, and Seven Books of Playfair's Euclid, without the assistance of a teacher, besides making considerable proficiency in Latin, and giving attention to vocal and instrumental music, for which he had great fondness and unusual talent. His modesty and amiable disposition, united with a diversity of accomplishments, drew friends around him wherever he went. In the spring of 1846 he was violently seized with congestion of the lungs, which terminated his earthly career in six days, just one month before he would have been twenty-one years old. His funeral was attended by a large concourse of people in the Presbyterian church at Bound Brook, N. J., where his remains were deposited.

PINGREE.

1. Charles Pingree, came to this town when a young man, and md., May 16, 1815, Persis Gibson; resided on the south-east side of Craney hill.
 2. William, b. Nov. 16, 1817.
 3. Charles J., b. May 10, 1819.
 4. Caroline, b. Nov. 28, 1820.
 5. Marietta, b. Feb. 13, 1822.
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6. Stephen Pingree, son of Stephen and Mary B. Pingree, was b. Oct. 18, 1787, at Fitchburg, Mass. He md., Dec. 31, 1811, Betsey Kelley, who was b. at Littleton, Mass., Aug. 11, 1792. He resided in Littleton, Mass., and in Chester, this state; came to this town in Nov., 1843; moved to Loudon in 1865, and d. there April 7, 1866; lived where R. J. Clark resides. His wife d. Feb. 7, 1878, at Hartland, Vt.
 7. William. 8. Nathan. 9. Mary A. 10. William E.
 11. Hepsibeth D. 12. Susan E. 13. Hannah B.,—all born in Littleton, Mass.

Born in Chester, and resided here.

14. Susan W., b. June 20, 1830.
 15. Daniel W., b. May 9, 1832.
 16. Mary E., b. July 1, 1834; md. Hodgdon F. Green.
 17. Harriet N., b. Aug. 28, 1836; md. Hamilton F. Green.
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PLUMMER.

1. Francis Plummer, was a linen weaver; came, some say, from Woolwich, Eng., others say from Wales, about 1633; he was in Newbury, Mass., in 1635. His first wife, Ruth, d. Aug. 18, 1647; he md., second wife, Widow Ann Palmer, March, 1648, who d. Oct. 18, 1665; he md., third wife, Widow C——, of Salem, Mass., Nov. 29, 1665. He d. Jan. 17, 1673, leaving Samuel, Joseph, and Mary.
 2. Samuel, md. Mary ——, and among his children was
 3. Joseph, b. in 1666; md., Nov. 6, 1699, Elizabeth Dole; they had six children, of whom was
 4. Nathaniel, b. June 19, 1708, in Newbury, Mass.; md. Mary ——, who was b. in 1711.
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5. Joseph Plummer, son of Nathaniel, was b. in Newbury, Mass., July 12, 1753, and md. Jane Clough, who was b. at South Hampton, Jan. 31, 1764; moved to this town immediately after the close of the Revolution, and settled in the south part of it upon what is known as the Plummer place, now owned by Mr. Parker. Here they lived and died, and their children were born upon that place. He died Oct. 27, 1827; his wife died Feb. 20, 1817; his second wife died Sept. 12, 1842.
 6. Mary, md. Peter Whitman, of Concord, Jan. 24, 1804.
 7. Sally, md. Jonathan Dow, Jr., of Weare, Dec. 23, 1807.
 8. Joseph, b. 1787. + 9. David, b. July 10, 1794. +
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- (8.) Joseph Plummer, md. Sarah Purington, and resided on the old homestead the larger part of his days. He

was a highly respected and substantial citizen. He died May 27, 1871; his wife d. June 24, 1845.

10. Ira, b. June 6, 1810.+
 11. Hazen K., b. July 17, 1820.+
 12. John K., b. July 8, 1829.+
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(9.) David Plummer, md. Mary Kimball, July 20, 1815, and settled where Ira Plummer now resides. Like his brother Joseph, he was one of the most substantial farmers and citizens of the town. He died July 24, 1869; his wife died Nov. 12, 1874.

13. William K., b. Oct. 10, 1815.+ 14. Geo. W., b. 1819.+
 15. Infant, b. Feb., 1825; d. July 31, 1825.
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(10.) Ira Plummer, md., first wife, Lydia Folsom, of this town, who d. Aug. 23, 1850, and he md., second wife, March 31, 1853, Alice E. Emery, of Newbury.

Children by first wife.

16. Mary, b. Nov. 30, 1836; md. A. G. Hanson, Weare.
 17. Jane, b. Nov. 27, 1848; md. G. M. Sawyer, Bradford.
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(11.) Hazen K. Plummer, md., April 23, 1845, Laura Piper, who was b. in this town, Dec. 13, 1821; was at one time captain of the Rifles; a mover of buildings, a mechanic, and farmer.

18. Joseph O., adopted son; d. March 20, 1867.
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(12.) John K. Plummer, md., Sept. 5, 1850, Harriet P., dau. of Nathan and Mehitabel Blanchard, of this town.

19. John Willis, b. June 14, 1852.
 20. Harriet Ella, b. July 24, 1857.
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(13.) William K. Plummer, md., April 28, 1839, Cyrene H. Clark, of Hopkinton. He d. Dec. 9, 1862.

21. Frank P., b. in Hopkinton, Sept. 2, 1842; d. Jan. 14, 1875.
 22. Laura A., b. in Henniker, May 10, 1844; d. Jan. 12, 1868.

23. Joseph, b. Sept. 25, 1846; md., April 11, 1871, Mary A. Bean, of Deering.
 24. George W., b. Aug. 29, 1850.
 25. Lizzie A., b. April 1, 1854.
 26. Willie W., b. May 23, 1861; d. July 13, 1861.
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(14.) George W. Plummer, md. Louisa Neal, and resided with his father. He d. Oct. 25, 1849.

27. Mary J., b. Sept. 18, 1842; md. Oliver H. Noyes.
 28. David O., b. Aug. 11, 1846.
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POLLARD.

1. Alpheus Pollard, son of Joseph and Betsey Pollard, was b. in Hudson, Feb. 6, 1806; md. Esther L., dau. of Thomas M. and Phebe Davis, of this town, and was engaged in milling while here. He d. June 22, 1856; his wife d. Aug. 28, 1856. The children were b. in Nashua.
 2. Ermina H., b. April 24, 1837; ten years a copyist in New York city; graduated as a physician from the Woman's Medical College, Philadelphia, March 11, 1875; practised several years in the latter city; md., 1877, William H. Sawyer, and resides in Providence, R. I.
 3. Mary Elizabeth, b. Oct. 11, 1838; md. Albert W. De-
lanah, of Providence, R. I.
 4. 1. Willis H., b. Aug. 4, 1859; d. Aug. 15, 1860.
 5. 2. Ray Bertram, b. Feb. 17, 1874.
 6. Joseph Henry, b. Sept. 10, 1841; d. April 23, 1855.
 7. Evander O., b. Nov. 28, 1844; d. Feb. 29, 1864.
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POPE.

1. Thomas Pope, was here before the incorporation of the town, and settled upon the south side of Craney hill upon what is known as the Pope place, and was the ancestor of the family by that name who so long resided here. He married Hannah ——. Where he came from is unknown. Some of his family came with him. He d. here Nov. 12, 1806.

2. David, b. March 13, 1746. †
 3. Jesse, d. seventh on the list of the early deaths.
The record of the Pope family is very meagre.
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- (2.) David Pope, md. Lucy Saltmarsh, who d. Jan. 20, 1858; resided on the homestead.
4. William.
 5. David. Both md. sisters,—Emerson, of Hillsborough. David resided here many years; then removed to Bradford, where he d. Children b. here.
 6. Hannah, md. Elisha Brown, Weare.
 7. Betsey, md. — Kimball, Weare. 8. Sally, unmd.
 9. Edith, unmd. 10. Susan, md. — Stoning.
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- II. John Pope, grandson of David; blacksmith; removed West a few years since. No record of the family.
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PRESBURY.

1. William Presbury, was one of the first settlers in this township, and resided near Mr. Howlet, in the south-west part of the town; was one of the first deacons of the church, June 7, 1769; he md. Dorcas —, and about 1772 moved into Bradford, being the first settler there; he was one of the selectmen of this town after its incorporation. Children b. here, and in Marlborough.
 2. George, b. Dec. 12, 1762. 3. John, b. Feb. 2, 1764.
 4. James, b. Oct. 12, 1765. 5. Dorcas, b. Oct. 31, 1766.
 6. Nathan, b. Mar. 23, 1768. 7. Hannah, b. Apr. 8, 1770.
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PRESSY.

The family by this name that have resided in this town were descendants of Paschal and Judith Blaisdell Pressy, who lived in Weare. Three brothers came to this town at the commencement of the present century,—Moses¹, Enoch², and Elijah³, the first named living here but a short time.

1. Enoch Pressy, md. Mary, dau. of Joseph Cass, of Boscawen, formerly of Exeter, who was an aunt of Hon.

Lewis Cass, prominent for many years in the political and military history of the country. He resided in the east part of the town. He d. Jan. 25, 1842; his wife d. May 5, 1827.

2. John, was a soldier in the War of 1812.
 3. Charles, md. Betsey Noyes, April 12, 1813.
 4. Judith, md. Daniel Stone; d. at Concord, May 4, 1814.
 5. Aseneth, md. Wm. Perry.
 6. Hannah, b. 1808; d. May 15, 1825; unmd.
 7. Thomas W., d. in Lowell in 1871.
 8. Eliza, md. — Cheswell; two children.
 9. Blaisdell, d. April 17, 1829.
 10. Horace, b. 1817; d. Sept. 21, 1830.
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Moses Pressy, md., Feb. 28, 1811, Betsey, dau. of Aaron Adams.

Elijah Pressy, md. Sarah Cass, sister of Mary, wife of Enoch, about 1800. He resided a good many years in the house now occupied by G. C. Preston, and was a blacksmith by trade. He resided in Manchester the last few years of his life, as did his wife, and both died there, but were buried in this town. He d. —; his wife d. Dec. 19, 1863.

11. Phinehas, b. Aug., 1802.†
 12. Jonathan, b. March 20, 1804.†
 13. Sarah, d. April 20, 1814.
 14. Harriet, b. May 6, 1813; md. James Gibson.
 15. Sarah, b. 1815; md. Frederick Edmunds, of Concord.
 16. Julia, b. 1822; d. Sept. 26, 1824.
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(11.) Phinehas Pressy, md. —.

17. Sylvia, b. 1823; d. Dec. 6, 1836.
 18. Daughter, b. 1828; d. July 28, 1829.
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(12.) Jonathan Pressy, md., Nov. 26, 1835, Lovilla, dau. of Jacob Withington, of this town; followed the occupation of a miller, and resided here until 1842, when he removed to Manchester, and engaged in the millinery business. He d. Nov. 18, 1869.

19. Helen Maria, b. in Henniker, Sept. 20, 1836; md.,
Nov. 13, 1853, Jeremiah D. Jones.
 20. Fidelia, b. May 3, 1842; md. May 19, 1868, William E.
Preston.
 21. Fidora, b. May 3, 1842; d. Aug. 10, 1842.
 22. Georgiana A., b. Sept. 3, 1845; md., Oct. 10, 1872,
Albin R. Philbrick.
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PRESTON.

1. Luke W. Preston, son of Jacob C. and Betsey (Clark)
Preston, and grandson of Samuel Preston, who was b.
in Wilmington, Mass., in 1753, was b. in Windsor,
Vt., Dec., 1816; went to Francestown when one
year of age; learned the blacksmith trade; married,
Sept. 9, 1844, M. Frances Fairbanks, of Frances-
town; has resided in this town several years.
 2. George C., b. Aug. 6, 1846; md., Nov. 6, 1871, Emma
J. Boynton, of Francestown; merchant here many
years; town-clerk several years.
 3. Walter H., b. July 12, 1854; md. Nellie Rice.
 4. Arthur G., b. March 6, 1856; resides in New Boston;
mason by trade.
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PROCTOR.

The ancient record of this family is very meagre, as well as that of the later generations; but, by persistent effort, I am able to give the following. The family by this name that settled in this town were descendants from the first emigrant of the name, who settled in Manchester, Mass., at what time is not known. The first of the name upon the records of the town is Isaac Proctor. The farm upon which he resided was in the Proctor name until recently, and is now known as the Smith farm. There were born to Isaac and Lucy Proctor several children, only two of whose births are on record.

1. Lieut. John Proctor, son of Isaac, was b. in Manchester, Mass., as is supposed, in 1757, though there is no record of his birth. He was a soldier in the Revolution at the age of 18, and was commissioned lieutenant later for meritorious services. He md., in 1783, Hannah, dau. of Jonathan and Mary Cogswell, of Essex, Mass. There

is a record of his publishment to "Hannah Coxwell;" this was the ancient name for Cogswell in the fourteenth century. Lieut. Proctor came to this town in 1798, and settled upon what is known as Federal or Proctor hill. Here he had one of the best farms in the town. The old mansion abounded with hospitality; and his barns were filled with cattle, horses, and sheep. For many years *one hundred tons* of hay were annually cut upon the farm. His wife d. Feb. 3, 1796; and he md., second wife, Jan. 19, 1797, Edna Dean, widow of Capt. Israel Dean, of Essex, Mass., who d. July 31, 1846. He d. Feb. 3, 1821.

Children of first wife.

2. Hannah, b. March 5, 1784.
3. John, b. July 7, 1788.+ These two were born in Manchester, Mass.
4. Mary, b. March 30, 1791; d. Oct. 24, 1793.
5. David C., b. Sept. 28, 1794.+ These two were born in Essex, Mass.

Children of second wife.

6. Israel, b. in Essex, Dec. 3, 1797; d. Nov. 2, 1798.
7. Mary, b. in Henniker, Aug. 8, 1798; md. Enoch Darling.

- (3.) Capt. John Proctor, md., first wife, in 1810, Edna Dean dau. of his step-mother, and resided upon the homestead. He inherited the military zeal of his father, and was at one time commander of the cavalry attached to the 26th Regt., at that time as fine a company of troop as the state contained. He was a man of noble stature and of commanding presence, and was a most excellent citizen. His first wife d. Sept. 21, 1825; and he md., 1826, Mary Crocker, of Derry, who d. April 15, 1827; he md., third wife, Dec. 31, 1827, Lucinda, dau. of Elias and Sally Gould, of this town. He d. Dec. 8, 1836; his widow md. Capt. Joseph Proctor, of Andover. [See sketch.]

Children of first wife.

8. Israel D., b. July 26, 1812; became a physician, and resided in Mississippi, where he d. at the age of 30, much beloved.

9. Hannah, b. June 30, 1814; d. April 17, 1837.
10. Israel F., b. July 31, 1817; md. Lovilla Dearborn; went to Peoria, Ill., in 1841, where he still resides.
11. 1. Henry, killed in Arkansas, in 1863; a soldier.
12. 2. Edna D., md. Charles Field.
13. Ezekiel A., b. Oct. 5, 1819; went to Peoria, Ill., in 1840; married; has several children; two sons graduated at Dartmouth college.
14. John C., b. Oct. 11, 1822; removed to Peoria, Ill., in 1843; was a lumber merchant, and has been a very successful business man; has been many years president of the First National Bank in that city; he has been one of the leading citizens of Peoria for many years.

Child of second wife.

15. Edna Dean, b. and d. April 15, 1827.

Children by third wife.

16. Edna Dean, b. Sept. 1, 1829, on the old homestead, which commands charming views of the Contoocook valley and Kearsarge and Monadnock mountains, and there lived until after the death of her father, which occurred in her eighth year. Her early education was received in the public schools and in the academy of this town. When about fourteen years of age she attended school for a short time in Manchester, and about 1845 entered the renowned institution for young ladies at South Hadley, Mass., where she remained one year, leaving that school with impaired health, and never returning to it. In 1847 she attended a select school in Concord, and also devoted considerable attention to drawing and music, residing there about a year. During her residence in Concord she published some of her earliest poetic effusions in the columns of the *New Hampshire Statesman*, which, although never published with her collected poems, gave promise of the rare poetic genius which, in later years, won the commendation of our best poets and literary critics, and stirred the hearts of the loving and loyal with fresh inspiration. Subsequently she taught in New Haven and Woodstock, Conn., and for nine years was an instructress in the family of H. C. Bowen, in Brooklyn, N. Y. Her first book, a small volume, was an anti-slavery story entitled "Aunt Sallie," published soon after the appearance of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," and was suggested by her experience of sla-



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very while visiting Kentucky. In 1858 she published a volume entitled "Beecher's Life Thoughts," a collection of his best sayings and thoughts, selected and arranged with rare skill and judgment, and which had a wide circulation, as also did a second volume that followed soon after. For many years after her removal to Brooklyn she was a frequent contributor to the New York *Independent*, the *Atlantic*, and other publications, in poetry and prose. The War of the Rebellion especially called forth many of her finest poetical productions. The first volume of her collected poems was published in 1866, by Hurd & Houghton, of New York, and R. P. Dutton & Co., of Boston. In this volume of 140 pages, half the space was devoted to national poems, inspired by events from the execution of John Brown to the grave of Lincoln, and which moved the hearts of "boys in blue" in hurrying march and on ensanguined field. In 1866 she went to Europe, and, in addition to the countries usually visited by tourists, she made an extended tour through Russia, Palestine, and Egypt, the result of which was a delightful volume on Russia entitled "A Russian Journey," published by James R. Osgood & Co., of Boston, a second edition appearing in 1873, beautifully illustrated. Among her contributions to the New York *Independent* was a series of very entertaining letters from the Pacific coast, which attracted much attention at the time of their publication. One of her very best poems was written for the commemoration of the two hundred and fortieth anniversary of the settlement of New Hampshire by the New Hampshire Historical Society, and was read on that occasion, May 23, 1873, in the state-house at Concord. It is a poem that will live while our state has an existence, and its history passeth not from the memory of man. Her writings, prose and poetry, are characterized by rare descriptive powers, a keen love of justice and right, and of the beautiful and true, and an oriental wealth of imagery and fascinating diction. Since her return from Europe her home has been in the family of Charles Storrs, Esq., of Brooklyn, N. Y., and a part of each year is usually given either to her brothers in the West, or to her sister and other friends in the East. Possessing rare conversational powers, and a tender, sympathizing nature, she attaches friends forever. Her presence is a benediction wherever she abides.

17. Mary C., b. 1831 ; d. March 3, 1838.
 18. David Choate, b. 1833 ; md. Sarah Storrs, of Brooklyn, N. Y. ; resides in Peoria, Ill.
 19. 1. Charles S. 20. 2. Judith.
 21. Lucinda G., b. 1835 ; md. C. W. Coolidge, of Framingham, Mass.

- (5.) Daniel C. Proctor, graduated at Dartmouth college in the class of 1811 ; three years in Andover Theological Seminary ; became a minister, and settled in Prince Edward county, Va., where he md. Mrs. Frances Venable ; resided there several years, then removed to Kentucky, where he d. in 1865. There is but little record of him or of his family.
22. Mary L., md. Edward Clarke, of Northampton, Mass.
 23. John H. ; a teacher in Texas.
 24. David C., resides in Texas.
 25. Infant, d. 26. Infant, d.

- (2.) Hannah Proctor, who md. Ebenezer Fiske, was the mother of several children. Hannah Cogswell was a teacher in Ohio, md. Elias Lyman, in Mass. ; d. 1866. Ednah P., md. Cyrus Duston, a very worthy citizen of Hopkinton. Abbie W., md. Daniel Proctor, of Springfield, Mass. John P., was educated at Andover, Mass. ; has been for many years principal of Beloit college, Wis. Franklin W. Fiske, with his brother, John P., worked many years in the cotton-mills in Lowell ; prepared for college at Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass. ; graduated at Yale in 1849 ; was a tutor in college for two years ; travelled in Europe some time ; ordained as a Congregational minister, and in 1865 received the degree of D. D. ; is now professor in the Theological Seminary at Chicago.

PURINGTON.

1. James Purington, was b. in Berwick, Maine ; md. Dorcas Goodwin, b. in Somersworth ; settled in this

town near the close of the last century. He resided in a house that stood southerly from the present residence of John F. Perry.

2. Peace, b. Feb. 14, 1798; md. John Huntington, of Weare.
 3. Benajah, b. Feb. 6, 1800.
 4. Lydia, b. Nov. 27, 1803; md. Eldad Marsh.
 5. Ruth, b. June 17, 1807; md. John F. Johnson.
 6. Peltiah, b. April 7, 1811; resides in Lynn, Mass., where he settled when a young man.
 7. Anna, b. July 28, 1814; unmd.
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8. Hezekiah Purington, was an old settler here. He resided in a house that stood westerly from Ezra Chase's, once the poor-farm of the town. This farm was given him by his brother Winthrop, a bachelor. There is but little record of this family.
 9. David. 10. Sarah, md. Joseph Plummer.
 11. John, resided where Hiram Green resides.
 12. 1. John. 13. 2. Ezra. 15. 3. Imri; lives in Goshen. John is dead. Other children.
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PUTNEY.

1. Thomas Putney, was a Revolutionary soldier. He md. Lydia Peaslee, of Weare, in 1781, and resided some time in the north-east part of this town. His wife d. Oct., 1828.
2. Robert, b. July 3, 1781.†
3. Daniel, b. Dec. 4, 1783; md. Polly Heath, of Deering, 1806.
4. Thomas, b. Feb. 2, 1787; md. Nancy Collins, of Hopkinton.
5. Lydia, b. Jan. 28, 1789; md., Nov. 26, 1807, Benjamin Pressy, Warner.
6. Lucy, b. April 5, 1791; md. John Clark, of Warner.
7. James, b. July 23, 1793; md., for second wife, Mrs. Hardy, of Hopkinton.
8. Polly, b. July 12, 1795; md. Lot Wiggin, of Warner.
9. Jonathan, b. Nov. 7, 1797; md. Olive Brooks, of this town, Dec. 9, 1818, for his first wife; resided in Bridgewater.

10. Abner, b. May 26, 1800; d. March 22, 1801.
 11. Betsey, b. July 15, 1802; d. Sept. 3, 1806.
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- (2.) Robert Putney, md., April, 1805, Betsey Chase, dau. of Abraham Chase, of Weare. He d. Jan. 23, 1816; his wife d. Sept. 17, 1871.
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12. Daniel Putney, d. in Newbury in 1814, and was a descendant of the Putneys who settled in Dunbarton, and one in Hopkinton.
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13. Daniel Putney, son of Daniel and Lois (Foster) Putney, was b. in Newbury, Oct. 30, 1815; md., May 6, 1839, Susie A. Dow, of West Concord, who d. Jan. 10, 1861, when he md., for his second wife, March 6, 1862, Minerva C. Watson, dau. of Safford Watson, of Sutton. Mr. Putney has resided in this town quite a number of years; mechanic.
- Children by first wife.
14. Edward D., b. in Antrim, Dec. 9, 1841; resides there.
 15. Charles G., b. in Sutton, July 22, 1846.
 16. Lucien W., b. in Sutton, June 29, 1852.
 17. Emma S., b. in Sutton, Aug. 13, 1860.
- Child by second wife.
18. Carrie A., b. in Sutton, July 10, 1864.
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RAMSDELL.

1. Rebecca Ramsdell, was b. in South Acton, Mass., Mar. 4, 1799; came to this town with her mother (Hannah) in 1806; resided a few years in a little house that stood near the turn in the road that leads down the hill westerly from A. D. L. F. Connor's house; moved into the house where she now resides, Dec. 10, 1818, and has occupied it continuously since. She taught school several terms in her younger days, then learned the trade of a tailoress, which she has followed, as her health would permit, since. She was one of the original members of the first Sunday-school

class formed in this town (in 1814), only four of whom are now living; she became a member of the Congregational church in 1832. Genial in her intercourse with those with whom she comes in contact, affable and intelligent in her conversation, blessed with a wonderful memory, she is one of the most remarkable women that has ever resided in the town. To her I am indebted more than to any other person for many valuable facts and dates (both of which are stubborn, the latter being the most so) that could not have been procured elsewhere. Since her mother's death, July 11, 1854, she has resided mostly alone, having never married. For upwards of three-score years she has resided upon the banks of the Contocook, whose laughing, rippling waters have been her sweetest music in the many silent hours she has passed alone in her busy life.

RAY.

1. Abel Ray, was in Marlborough, Mass., about the commencement of the eighteenth century. He was in the French and Indian War in 1754, and was also a soldier in the Revolution, although then quite aged. There were born to him and his wife, Hannah,—
 2. Mary, b. 1722.
 3. Amos, b. Oct. 17, 1725.†
 4. Eunice, b. 1728.
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- (3.) Amos Ray, d. in this town, Jan. 30, 1803; he resided with his son.
 5. Jonathan, b. in Stow, March 20, 1752.†
 6. Joseph, b. Aug. 26, 1755.
 7. Hannah, b. Oct. 30, 1757.
 8. Benjamin, b. Sept. 3, 1761.
 9. Chas., b. Nov. 30, 1768.
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- (5.) Jonathan Ray, md. Betty, dau. of Silas and Mary C. Barnes, of Marlborough, April 3, 1777, and afterwards settled in this town upon the farm now owned

by John C. Ray, about the time of his marriage; he purchased his farm and made a clearing before he was married. His first wife d. July 26, 1794; and he md., Dec. 24, 1794, Widow Peggy Emerson. Jonathan had nine children by his first wife, and five by his second, who had by her first husband seven children, making in the aggregate that came into his home twenty-one children. He d. March 22, 1816; his wife d. —.

Children of first wife.

10. Silas, b. 1778.+
11. William, b. 1780; md. Ruth Harriman, Nov. 28, 1805.
12. Jonathan, b. Nov. 16, 1782.+ 13. Lucy, b. 1784.
14. Betsey, b. Feb. 5, 1785; md. Thomas Sargent.
15. Hannah, b. 1787; d. Jan. 30, 1797.
16. Polly, b. 1790; d. Dec. 2, 1806.
17. Paul, b. 1792.+ 18. Joel, b. March 9, 1794.+

Children of second wife.

19. Amos, b. May 5, 1798.+ 20. Calvin, b. 1799.
21. Joseph, b. 1801.
22. Olive, b. 1803; md., Nov. 28, 1827, Levi Kemp.
23. David M., b. June 11, 1806.+

(10.) Silas Ray, md. Rebecca Colby.

24. Eliphalet, b. Feb. 29, 1804; md. Hannah, daughter of Francis M. Withington, and resided in this town until 1850, when he removed to Plaistow, where he d. He resided when in Henniker, after his marriage, in the north-west part of the town upon the Withington farm.
25. 1. Harvey, b. Oct. 29, 1828.
26. 2. Chellis, b. May 17, 1832.
27. 3. Livonia, b. Apr. 22, 1834.
28. 4. Diana, b. July 13, 1837.
29. 5. Albert F., b. Aug. 25, 1843.
30. Silas. 31. Susan. 32. Rebecca.
33. Mary, md. Samuel Carter. (Rebecca and Mary were twins.)
34. Stillman.

(12.) Jonathan Ray, md., Sept. 17, 1807, Mary Craige, who was b. Oct. 1, 1783; he was a lifelong resident of

this town, and lived on the homestead. He d. Nov. 7, 1867; his wife d. Dec. 15, 1870.

35. Lucinda, b. Feb. 6, 1808; md. John Rogers.
 36. Lois, b. Nov. 10, 1809; md. Ebenezer Stevens, March 2, 1841.
 37. Nathan, b. Nov. 8, 1811.
 38. William, b. Dec. 9, 1813; md., April, 1839, Mary Preston, of Windsor, Vt., where he d., April, 1840; his wife d. Sept. 4, 1843; no children.
 39. Mary, b. Feb. 5, 1815; md. Willard Colby.
 40. Jonathan, b. Nov. 17, 1816. + 41. Infant, b. July 1, 1819.
 42. James H., b. May 5, 1821. +
 43. Betsey B., b. Aug. 20, 1826; md. Wm. D. Harwood.

(17.) Paul Ray, md., Nov. 9, 1820, Sophronia, dau. of John and Mary Connor, and lived where his son now resides. He d. April 18, 1835; his wife d. Sept. 16, 1867.

44. John C., b. Jan. 25, 1825. +

(18.) Joel Ray, md. Abigail Eastman, of Hopkinton, and settled in Columbia in 1821. His first wife d. in 1823; he md., second wife, Betsey F. Colgeauling, of Columbia. He d. March 27, 1870.

Children by second wife.

45. Abbie B., b. Feb. 26, 1832; md. John McClellan, of Columbia; four children,—Oscar, Cora I., Arthur E., and G. Burton.
 46. Mary, b. July 30, 1836; md. William E. Merrill, of Columbia; seven children,—Charles W., Mabel C., Joseph E., Mary A., Herbert S., Kate I., and Nathan.

(19.) Amos Ray, md., Nov. 4, 1819, Catherine, dau. of Paul and Abigail Barnes, of this town; was a shoemaker and carpenter by trade. He d. Feb. 3, 1874; his wife d. Aug. 9, 1870.

47. Abigail R., b. 1820; md. William Smith; d. Feb. 11, 1844. 48. Harry B., b. 1825. +
 49. Margaret, b. 1827; d. Aug. 25, 1829.
 50. Almada J., b. Oct. 6, 1831; md. Elisha Rice.
 51. Daughter, b. 1833; d. May 21, 1835.

- (23.) David M. Ray, md., March 4, 1829, Hannah B. Holt, of Wilton, where he still resides.
52. Charles, b. in Henniker, Sept. 7, 1830; killed in the late war near Atlanta, Ga.
53. Lewis P., b. in Hopkinton, July 28, 1833.
54. Mary E., b. in Hopkinton, Dec. 17, 1837.
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- (40.) Jonathan Ray, md., Nov. 25, 1845, Clarissa A. Monroe, and has resided in Hillsborough since Sept., 1840; children b. in Hillsborough.
55. David M., b. May 28, 1847; md. Addie C. Burnham, of Hillsborough, Sept. 22, 1871.
56. 1. Ida E., b. Dec. 28, 1872.
57. Annie M., b. April 1, 1852; teacher.
58. Mary S., b. April 1, 1852; md. Oliver Newton.
59. James M., b. March 13, 1856.
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- (42.) James H. Ray, md. for his first wife, Jan. 21, 1841, Hannah, dau. of Reuben and Betsey Monroe, of this town, and settled in Hillsborough, Oct. 30, 1854, where he still resides. His first wife died Aug. 24, 1852, and he md. for his second wife, Lizzie Chase, of Hillsborough.
- Children of first wife.
60. Angeline, b. Aug. 3, 1844; d. Sept. 23, 1849.
61. Ange, b. July 31, 1850; md., April 6, 1873, William D. Harwood.
62. George W., b. Oct. 7, 1851.
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- (44.) John C. Ray, md., Jan. 28, 1851, Mary P., dau. of Carlton S. and Delilah Dodge, of this town, and has always resided on the old homestead.
63. Myron, b. Aug. 30, 1855.
64. Charles, b. Oct. 27, 1858.
65. James B., b. March 10, 1862; d. Jan. 20, 1864.
66. Alfred W., b. Sept. 8, 1866.
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- (48.) Harry B. Ray, md., 1854, Clarissa Worthley, of this town; a shoemaker. He d. June 9, 1870; his wife d. Feb. 1, 1864.
67. Inez, b. April 10, 1855; md.
68. Herbert, b. June 4, 1857; d. Jan. 14, 1864.
69. Flora, b. 1859.
70. Clara E., b. May 30, 1861.

RICE.

The Rices that settled in this town were descendants of Edmund and Tamazine Rice, who came from Barkhamstead, Hertfordshire, England, and settled in Sudbury, Mass., in 1639. Edmund was a prominent man in Sudbury; was one of the selectmen, or *townsmen*, as they were then frequently denominated, and was one of the deacons of the church. He was honored with several appointments by the General Court, and was denominated there as "Goodman Rice." He was appointed to solemnize marriages, and enjoyed the confidence of his fellow-citizens. His wife, Tamazine, d. in Sudbury, June 13, 1654. He was one of the petitioners for the grant which was afterwards made the town of Marlboro', and moved to that place. He md., for his second wife, Mercie, widow of Thomas Brigham, March 1, 1655. He d. at Marlborough, May 3, 1663, and was buried at Sudbury, by the side of his first wife. He had ten children by his first wife, and two by his second.

Several towns were taken from the original township of Sudbury, one of which became Westboro', which was afterwards divided into several townships. Edward Rice, son of Edmund, md. Agnes Bent, who d. without issue, and he md. Anna —, by whom he had eleven children. Edward lived to be ninety-three years of age. One of his children, Jacob, md. Mary —, by whom he had nine children. One of his sons, Jacob, b. Oct. 3, 1707, md. Hannah Howe, and resided in Westboro', Mass. One of his sons,—

1. Jacob, was b. in Westboro', Mass., Nov. 27, 1740. A division of the town soon after his birth left his father's residence in the new town of Northboro'. His grandfather Howe was killed by the Indians in 1675. In 1761, he entered Harvard college, from which he graduated in 1765, and immediately entered upon the study of theology, and commenced to preach in 1767. In the spring of that year he was engaged as a preacher in this town, where, as has been seen, the early settlers were largely from Marlboro', Westboro', and vicinity. This was before the incorporation of the town, and there being, as yet, no meeting-house in Henniker, religious meetings were held at the houses of the settlers in various parts of the town. Previous to this time there had been but few religious meetings in the township, and little or no preaching. [See Ecclesiastical History.] Oct. 1, 1769, Mr. Rice md. Ruth, dau. of William and Kezia Coyes Goddard, of

Marlboro', Mass., by whom he had eight children, all b. in this town. He remained in this town preaching, after his dismissal, about as he had done before, and tilling his farm,—the one now owned and occupied by Levi C. Newton,—his father at his death having left him by his will, "all his lands in Henniker," until 1806, when he received a call from Andover, Me., which call he declined, to accept of one tendered him by the church at Brownfield, Me., where he continued to preach until Feb. 1, 1824, upon which day, while delivering his morning discourse, he was seized with an apoplectic fit, and sank down in his pulpit, from which he was carried to his home, where he passed peacefully away at three o'clock of the same day, dying literally "with the harness on." Mr. Rice was an able, kind-hearted man, and a devoted Christian. He had many bitter enemies during his ministry here, and his sentiments were then and have since been bitterly assailed; yet it is a singular fact that the creed adopted by the little church of fourteen members, embodied at the time of his ordination in this town, continued in force, without any addition or alteration, until April, 1835, a period of sixty-five years. The creed was simply a covenant based upon the Scriptures. He had many warm friends, as well as bitter enemies. Most of the early settlers, and especially those who were members of his church, felt that as he was the first minister to break to them the bread of life, and the first to share with them their toils and their hardships, he was entitled to their sympathy, their respect, and their esteem. To him more than to any other one person is the town indebted for the school system which has now been in vogue in the town for upwards of a century. In the dark days of the Revolution he was truly loyal, and his voice was often heard in the old log meeting-house, addressing his fellow-townsmen, who usually assembled there before leaving for the seat of war. In no more fitting place could he have been called home than in the performance of a duty to which he had consecrated himself nearly sixty years previous. While residing in this town, he was often honored with the confidence of his townsmen in the times when cool judgment and wise counsels were needed, for in him both were combined to a remarkable degree. Before he removed to Brownfield, a large part of those who were his early associates here had died or removed from the town,

some of whom preceded him to the place where he died, and through whose friendship he was induced to settle there. The town and the state lost one of their ablest and best men in his removal. His wife d. Dec. 11, 1798.

2. Patience, b. March 31, 1772; d. 1773.
3. Shuthelah, b. March 31, 1773; removed to Brownfield, Me., where he d.
4. Fannie. 5. Lapantha. 6. Hannibal. 7. Jefferson.
8. ———. 9. Betsey. 10. James S. 11. Elbridge G.
12. Jacob, b. April 23, 1774; d. 1774.
13. Jacob, b. April 13, 1776; md. Susan Green, of Boston; was a soldier in the War of 1812; d. in Buffalo, N. Y.
14. Sabrina. 15. Sallie. 16. Ruth. 17. Jacob.
18. Rebecca. 19. Bridget.
20. Ruth, b. July 21, 1779; md. Samuel Cressy, of this town, who d. Nov. 11, 1808; she md., second husband, July 17, 1811, David Bean, of Brownfield; she d. Oct. 4, 1873. Several of her descendants are residing in Brownfield, Me., very highly respected.
21. Bridget, b. Oct. 19, 1782; md. Oct. 19, 1802, Gershom Heath.
22. Calvin, b. Aug. 2, 1787; md. Nancie Hartwell, and removed to Jordan, N. Y., where he d.; nine children.
23. Eber, b. Oct. 19, 1789; md., 1814, Lydia Sans, of Brownfield, Me., and removed to Parma, N. Y.; four children.

24. Elijah Rice, son of Charles and Rachel Rice, was born in Westboro', Mass., June 26, 1719, and was the fourth in line of descent from Edmund; he md. Sarah Shattuck, of Worcester, Mass., May 24, 1744; d. April 19, 1785.
 25. Daniel, b. May 8, 1745.†
 26. Martha, md. Solomon Childs. 27. Elijah.
 28. Elijah, b. Nov. 7, 1752.†
 29. Sarah, md. Benj. Whitcomb.
- Mrs. Rice d. Nov., 1761, and Mr. Rice md., for his second wife, Prudence Hardy. There were born unto them six children.
30. Thankful, md. Abiatha Bowman.

31. Prudence, b. 1766; md. Bezaleel Smith. 32. Elisha.+
 33. Charles.+ 36. Noah.+
 37. Lydia, md. Moses J. Mirick.

Elijah Rice came to this town in 1772, and lived with his son Daniel.

- (25.) Daniel Rice, md., Feb. 17, 1766, Sarah Childs, who was b. Aug. 24, 1746, and came to this town about 1768. He settled in the western part of Henniker, upon the farm now owned and occupied by Moses W. Rice, which farm has been in unbroken possession of the Rice family since its first settlement. This part of the town immediately became known as "Westbury [Westboro'] Corner," so many settlers coming into it from that town. Daniel Rice was chosen one of the deacons of the Congregational church July 23, 1802, which position he held until his death. He was a highly respected and much valued citizen. He was taken suddenly ill at the supper-table Feb. 16, 1821, and d. almost instantly. His wife d. Dec. 19, 1818.
38. Elizabeth, b. Feb. 10, 1768; md. Robert Morrison, and removed to New York.
 39. Sarah, b. March 31, 1771; d. May 27, 1787.
 40. Moses, b. Nov. 7, 1772; d. May 30, 1787.
 41. Hannah, b. March 18, 1775; md. Walter Bowman; settled in Littleton.
 42. Patty, b. March 29, 1777; md. Ammi Peabody; settled in Newport.
 43. Elisha, b. Feb. 20, 1779.+
 44. Daniel, d. May 27, 1787. 45. Lucy, md. Eli Wood.
 46. Silas.+ 47. Sally, md. Saunders Hoyt.
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- (28.) Elijah Rice, came to this town about the commencement of the Revolutionary war. He participated in the battle of Bunker Hill, and saw a good deal of service, and for his meritorious services was commissioned as an ensign during the war. In 1779 he md. Margaret Patterson for his first wife, who d. Oct. 5,

1797, and he md., second wife, Margaret Stuart, of Warner. He was a carpenter by trade, and lived at one time in the residence of the late Wm. E. Cogswell. At another time he resided in a log house that stood near the present residence of John H. Albin. He purchased one hundred acres of land, where is now the village, for forty dollars, and paid for the same with two pairs of steers. Within this lot was included some of the present farms of Hiram Rice, G. D. Gould, and E. B. Whitman; also where the hotel now stands, running south to the river. He d. Sept. 20, 1805; his wife d. Dec. 18, 1859.

48. Sarah, b. June 26, 1780; md. Ebenezer Whitman.
 49. Isaac, b. July 20, 1784. † 50. Jacob, b. Jan. 23, 1787. †
 51. James, b. Jan. 22, 1789; md. Hannah Livingston, Apr. 20, 1815. They lived in Henniker until 1832, when they went to Lansingburgh, N. Y., and passed the remainder of their days. James was proprietor of the hotel in this town for several years.
52. 1. Margaret, md. Calvin Morse, and removed to N. Y.
 53. 2. James H., md. Louisa Perry, of Lansingburgh, N. Y., where he resides.
54. Joseph, b. Jan 12, 1791; md. Sally Caldwell, Nov. 25, 1817.
55. Benjamin, b. Jan. 12, 1791; md. Sally Savage.
 56. Elijah, d. young.
- Children by second wife.
57. Harriet, b. Nov. 28, 1801; md. Thomas Livingston.
 58. Lavia, b. July 6, 1803; md., Sept. 21, 1823, Alexander Lucas, and settled in Ashtabula, O.
 59. Anna, b. Sept. 28, 1805; md. — Lucas, and settled in Ashtabula, O.

- (32.) Elisha Rice, md. Patty, dau. of Jonathan Wood, of this town, Nov. 8, 1799. He lived where his son Willard resided. He d. May 13, 1849; his wife d. Mar. 10, 1856.
60. Anna, b. Feb. 7, 1800; md. Asa Dodge, Dec. 12, 1822.
 61. Willard, b. Oct. 1, 1801. †
 62. Patty, b. April 21, 1803; md. Asa Whitney.

63. Daniel, b. Sept. 9, 1805.†
 64. Betsey W., b. Dec. 25, 1808; md. William Duncan,
 Feb. 3, 1831.
 65. Lucy, b. Sept. 12, 1811; d. June 3, 1836.
 66. Abigail P., b. Nov. 26, 1813; d. April 15, 1826.
 67. Moses, b. Sept. 27, 1816; d. Aug. 21, 1839.
 68. Mary, b. July 9, 1818; d. Sept. 20, 1823.
 69. Elisha W., b. Aug. 21, 1821.†
 70. Sarah, b. 1824; d. Oct. 29, 1827 (scalded).

(33.) Charles Rice, md. Susanna Brown, Dec. 15, 1795, and resided in the west part of the town for a large number of years; then settled in the village, living several years in the "old Brown house," which stood near H. A. Rice's. He d. Nov. 19, 1854; his wife d. July 26, 1861.

71. Susanna, b. Aug. 14, 1796; md. Perley Howe.
 72. Abigail, b. July 27, 1797; md. David Pearsons.
 73. Eliza G., b. June 24, 1808; md. Samuel Hammond Train; had three children.
 74. 1. Caroline Eliza, b. April 5, 1834.
 75. 2. Mary Ellen, b. Feb. 9, 1836.
 76. 3. Sarah Andrews, b. Sept. 23, 1838.

(36.) Noah Rice, md. Mary Connor, of this town, in 1795.

77. Polly. 78. Edmund. 79. Pliny.
 80. Washington, d. June 26, 1810.

(46.) Silas Rice, md. Betsey Colby, Feb. 27, 1810, and lived where Elisha Rice now resides. He d. —; his wife d. Dec. 28, 1864.

81. Avaline, b. Sept. 11, 1810; md. Joshua H. Colby.
 82. Levi C., b. June 23, 1812; d. Oct. 12, 1833.
 83. Sally, b. April 26, 1816; md. A. Kimball, Dec. 13, 1838.
 84. Hannah, b. Feb. 27, 1819; d. March 30, 1819.
 85. Silas, b. Oct. 22, 1821; d. Aug. 28, 1822.
 86. Catherine, b. April 22, 1823. 87. Silas, b. Oct. 22, 1824.

(49.) Isaac Rice, was born in this town, and married, Oct. 3, 1815, Betsey Sibley, of Hopkinton. Mr. Rice was "put out" to live, when quite a lad, in the family of

Alexander Patterson, with whom he lived until he reached the age of twenty-one. When ten years old he received his first pair of shoes. During the time he lived with Mr. Patterson he attended school a little, and was instructed at home by Mrs. Patterson. When twenty-one he received as pay for his seven years' labor, a pair of steers, which he sold, taking the purchaser's note, which was never paid. He attended a high school at Hopkinton two terms, and then commenced teaching; he became a very successful teacher in this and other towns. In Feb., 1811, he was appointed post-master (see Post-office); in 1815, and for several years after, was town-clerk; for many years was one of the selectmen. Almost his entire life was spent in this town; in his younger days he performed a large amount of labor, and transacted a great deal of business for the town and its citizens, all of which was done in the most faithful manner, with rigid economy and strict honesty. He d. May 11, 1876; his wife d. Aug. 24, 1860.

88. Hiram, b. Nov. 9, 1816; md., March 12, 1860, Augusta M. Vose, of Francestown: selectman; taught school in New Jersey, and in this town many years: supervisor. His wife d. Sept. 9, 1870.
89. 1. Elizabeth S., b. March 13, 1862.
90. 2. John, b. Aug. 2, 1863. 91. 3. Anna G., b. July 8, 1865.
92. 4. Helen A., b. Jan. 19, 1868; d. Sept. 11, 1869.
93. 5. Mary, b. March 11, 1870.
94. Elizabeth, b. June 7, 1819; md. Rev. Isaac D. Stuart, of Warner; have one child, Marinda F.; they reside in Dover, N. H.

(50.) Jacob Rice, brother of Isaac, was born in this town, and lived most of the years of his minority in the family of Nahum Brown, father of Thomas. The hardships of his younger days were like those of his brother Isaac. With very little chance for schooling, he became one of the best self-made men of the town,

and, by untiring industry, frugality, and economy, one of its most substantial and prosperous farmers. From 1820 to 1837 he was often chosen one of the selectmen, and from 1817 until 1839 he or his brother Isaac was almost constantly in that position. Mr. Rice represented the town in the legislature in 1828 and 1829, and was an influential member of that body, having for associates Gen. James Wilson of Keene, Gen. Anthony Colby of New London, Hon. Daniel M. Christie of Dover, Hon. Ichabod Bartlett of Portsmouth, and many others of the ablest men the state has produced. Genial, warm-hearted, and ever ready with good counsel, he was one of the most respected citizens, and will long be remembered. He m. d., July 19, 1810, Lovisa Howe, of this town, by whom he had five children. He d. April 14, 1879; his wife d. Dec. 27, 1867.

94. Adaline; b. Oct. 10, 1810; md. Jeremiah Foster.
 95. Susan, b. Jan. 23, 1814; md. Smith Morrill.
 96. Harrison A., b. June 18, 1816; md., for his first wife, Susan W. Foster, of this town, Jan. 23, 1845; selectman; has held other positions of honor and trust.
 97. 1. John J., b. May 12, 1848; md. Eliza J. Sawyer, Oct. 24, 1876; resides with his father.
 98. 1. Susan F., b. Dec. 17, 1877.
 99. 2. Addie E., b. July 30, 1855. His wife d. June 2, 1867. He m. d., for his second wife, Charlotte J. Steele, of Peterborough, N. H., June 18, 1868.
 100. Maria W., b. Aug. 28, 1819; md. Obadiah E. Wilson.
 101. George Washington, b. Jan. 17, 1825; md. Abbie Colby, of this town, June 26, 1848. Represented the town in the legislature in 1868 and 1869; selectman many years; farmer, butcher, and drover.
 102. 1. Edwin, d. Aug. 27, 1849.
 103. 2. Susan L., b. July 11, 1851; md. G. C. Bunton, April 25, 1876.
 104. 3. Nellie A., b. Nov. 3, 1854; md. Walter H. Preston, Dec. 27, 1877.
 105. 4. James G., b. April 27, 1859.
 106. 5. Eddie, b. July 31, 1861.

(61.) Willard Rice, md. Grizzy Duncan, of Antrim, Nov. 9, 1826; resided upon the homestead occupied by his father and grandfather before him. He d. June 27, 1879.

107. Robert Duncan, b. July 25, 1828.+ [See Roll of Honor.]
 108. Franklin L., b. April 16, 1831; d. April 8, 1866.
 109. William Harris, b. April 19, 1837. [See Roll of Honor.]
 110. Moses Willis, b. May 3, 1843; md., June 17, 1866,
 Ellen Wood.
 111. 1. Herbert, b. Sept. 22, 1874.
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(63.) Daniel Rice, md. Jane S. Duncan, of Antrim, Feb. 3, 1831.

112. Elisha, b. Feb. 1, 1832.+
 113. Thomas H. W., b. Oct. 14, 1835; md.
 114. Daniel, b. Sept. 3, 1837; d. March 3, 1838.
 115. Lucy Maria, b. July 8, 1839; md.
 116. Abigail Parker, b. Feb. 5, 1841; md. William Abbott.
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(69.) Elisha W. Rice, md. Rosanna Colby, of Bradford.

117. Abby M., b. Sept. 3, 1863; d. Aug. 31, 1865.
 118. Julia A., b. Oct., 1865. 119. Harris R., b. May 8, 1868.
 120. Emma F., b. May 25, 1871.
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(107.) Robert D. Rice, md. Lovilla B. Swett. [See Roll of Honor.]

121. Hattie M., b. July 29, 1867.
 122. Charles H., b. Feb. 6, 1872; d. June 7, 1873.
 123. Gracie E., b. May 8, 1875.
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(112.) Elisha Rice, son of Daniel, md. Almeda J. Ray, Jan. 12, 1859; she d. Dec. 27, 1863; he md., March 1, 1865, Ann E. Morse, of Nelson, who was b. March 18, 1845.

Children by first wife.

124. Daniel Henry, b. Dec. 22, 1859.
 125. Amos Ray, b. March 13, 1861; d. July 7, 1864.
 126. Elisha Charles, b. Nov. 17, 1862; d. Mar. 11, 1865.

Children by second wife.

127. Almeda Jane, b. April 25, 1866; d. July 4, 1868.
 128. Minnie, b. Dec. 22, 1868.
 129. Peter, b. Oct. 4, 1870; d. March 2, 1871.
 130. Eddie, b. April 10, 1872; d. Sept. 2, 1872.
 131. Ervin, b. Nov. 21, 1873; d. June 25, 1874.
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RING.

1. Maj. Benjamin Ring, son of Benjamin and Mary Ring, of Hooksett, was b. Feb. 26, 1792; came to this town early in the century, and md., Feb. 26, 1821, Lucinda Barnes, of Henniker; was a carpenter, mason, and wheelwright. He d. Feb. 16, 1860; his widow is still living.
2. Nancy, b. Feb. 28, 1822; md. A. R. Flanders.
 3. Sarah J., md.; resides in Rhode Island.
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RIPLEY.

1. Hugh N. Ripley, son of Joseph (a soldier in the Revolution three years) and Salome Phillips Ripley, was b. in Londonderry, Oct. 30, 1806, his parents having moved there from Weymouth, Mass. He md. Lydia S., dau. of Moody and Alice N. Greeley, of Grafton, Sept. 1, 1833, who d. Nov. 9, 1876.
2. Lemuel, b. at Londonderry, Nov. 2, 1834; md. Oct. 15, 1863.
 3. Emeline, b. at Windham, June 17, 1837; d. April 2, 1878.
 4. James W. P., b. Feb. 27, 1842. [See Roll of Honor.]
 5. Winford L., b. Oct. 31, 1843. [See Roll of Honor.]
 6. John S., b. Apr. 22, 1845; md., Nov. 25, 1873, Georgie H. Glover, of this town.
 7. 1. Lillian May, b. July 5, 1876.
 8. 2. Eugene W., b. Sept. 8, 1879.
 9. Frank H., b. Sept. 18, 1854; d. April 12, 1878.

ROBBINS.

1. David K. Robbins, son of John, md., first wife, Mary A., dau. of Jonathan and Hannah Andrews, of Bradford, who d. June 3, 1874; and he md., second wife, May 16, 1875, Julia A. Perry, of this town. He is a carpenter and farmer.
 2. Otis Lee, b. Oct. 27, 1861; d. March 29, 1863.
 3. Willis H., b. April 3, 1864.
 4. Julia M., b. Aug. 1, 1873.
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ROGERS.

1. Robert Rogers, md. Susanna —, and was at Newbury, Mass., in 1651. Of his descendants, Simeon² was b. in Newbury. He md. Anna Turner, of that town, and came here in 1780; he settled in the south-east part of the town, near the river in a northerly direction from the present residence of J. W. Dodge and son. He was a second cousin of George Washington, and was b. the same day,—Feb. 22, 1732. Children born in Newburyport. The family has been in town almost continually since 1780. He d. Nov. 4, 1811.
 3. Robert, b. 1769; moved to Littleton.
 4. Obadiah, b. 1771. + 5. Abigail.
 6. Nancy, md. James Chase, Sept. 15, 1808.
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- (4.) Obadiah Rogers, md., Dec. 26, 1800, Hannah Flanders, of South Hampton, and resided most of his days in this town; was a shoemaker.
 7. William, resides in Hopkinton. 8. Rial S. + 9. Hiram.
 10. Miriam G., b. May 7, 1817; md. Caleb D. Perry.
 11. Henry, d. May 6, 1827.
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- (8.) Rial S. Rogers, md., May 30, 1833, Mehitable, dau. of Thomas and Elizabeth Tucker, of this town; farmer and shoemaker. He d. March 6, 1879; his wife d. Jan. 21, 1871; he md. second wife, who survived him.

12. Charlotte E., b. March 17, 1834; md. — Collins.
 13. Thomas H., b. May 20, 1841; resides in Nashua.
 14. Luella M., b. Feb. 18, 1848; d. Nov. 3, 1851.
 15. Frank P., b. Sept 23, 1849; md.; resides in Nashua.
 16. Fred T., b. Sept. 23, 1849; harness-maker; resides on the homestead; md., March 24, 1875, Alice E. Bailey, of Londonderry.
 17. 1. Alma A., b. July, 1876.
 18. 2. Foster F., b. June 25, 1878.
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1. Artemas Rogers was a lawyer of high rank in this state. He located in this town in 1815, and resided in the late residence of W. E. Cogswell. He represented the town in the legislature in 1823, '24, and '26; was one of the officers of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. Masons, and of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the state. He left town in 1833, and settled in Holyoke, Mass., where he died a few years since. Children born here, save the first.
 2. Thomas R., b. Dec. 11, 1814; d. May 11, 1825.
 3. Infant son, b. Dec. 31, 1816; d. Jan. 1, 1817.
 4. Elizabeth A., b. Dec. 16, 1817. 5. Judith, b. 1819.
 6. Infant son, b. and d. March 19, 1821.
 7. Infant, b. and d. Sept. 18, 1822. 8. Rhoda, b. 1824.
 9. Frances M., b. 1827; d. June 7, 1828.
 10. Lydia F., b. Oct. 27, 1829; d. Nov. 8, 1829.
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ROLLINS.

1. Samuel Rollins was b. in Hopkinton; md. Roxy Plummer, dau. of Joseph Plummer, of this town. His wife d. Oct. 10, 1855.
 2. Ann R., b. July 7, 1841; md. Charles Knott.
 3. John, b. July 23, 1842; d. Feb. 12, 1846.
 4. Charles H., b. Nov. 6, 1844.
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ROSS.

Two brothers, Jesse and Timothy Ross, settled in this town quite early, being here when the town was in-

corporated. They resided in the south part of Heniker, near where the Huntington Brothers—Franklin F. and Joseph John—reside. There is but little record of them or of their families. Where they came from is unknown.

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1. Jesse Ross was burned to death in his house, Dec. 17, 1785. His wife d. July 27, 1785, and one child d. Sept. 18, 1783.
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2. Timothy Ross, and his wife Kesiah, were two of the first members of the Congregational church in this town. His wife d. Oct. 1, 1790, and he died Nov. 9, 1794.

Widow Elizabeth Ross, mother of Jesse and Timothy, d. April 8, 1790.

We regret very much that we have been unable to furnish any further information in regard to this family.

SANBORN.

1. Dr. Nathan Sanborn, son of Ebenezer Sanborn, of Sanborn-ton, was born in that town, March 7, 1791. He early turned his attention to the study of medicine, attending several courses of lectures at Hanover, and studying with some of the best physicians of the day. He married, in 1816, Seus, daughter of Thomas Lancaster, of Sanbornton, who was born in that town, May 29, 1797, and settled here in Oct., 1816, residing, first, where W. S. Childs now lives, then where Nabum Newton resides, and afterwards in the house erected by Rev. Moses Sawyer, which was torn down for the present structure occupied and owned by Asa Moore. He soon acquired the reputation of a skilful and excellent physician: kind-hearted and sympathetic. he gained the goodwill of all. He became interested in everything that tended to the benefit of the town, and took a conspicuous part in the first lyceum, which was formed shortly after he came to town. He was president of the first temperance society here that embraced in its membership both males and females. He was for many years

organist at the Congregational church, and was a musician of no mean ability. He often indulged in musings of poetry, and produced some pieces which were quite highly spoken of. He was Master of Aurora Lodge, F. & A. M., of this town, in 1827, '29, '41, '44, 49, and '51. He was regarded by his brother-physicians as a man of excellent judgment, and a safe and wise counsellor. He was in feeble health for many years before his death, but persevered in answering all the calls possible that were made upon him until Dec. 15, 1858, when he passed peacefully away. His widow is still living.

2. Sarah, b. May 24, 1819; md., Aug. 29, 1842, Jesse A. Sanborn, of Meredith Village.
3. 1. Sarah Ellen, b. Jan. 10, 1844.
4. 2. John, b. Aug. 16, 1848. 5. 3. Frederick H., b. 1851.
6. Paulina, b. May 28, 1821; md. James W. Sargent.
7. Alden W., b. July 11, 1823; md. Elizabeth H., dau. of Aaron Abbott, of Concord; resides in California, where he is engaged in carriage manufacture, his vehicles having a world-wide reputation for durability and beauty of finish.
8. 1. Minnie Farley, b. in Manchester, May 8, 1853.
9. Nathan P., b. June 5, 1825; md. Mary Ann Saunders, of Sanbornton; resides in Marblehead, Mass., where he is a highly respected citizen; is a carpenter by trade.
10. 1. Marietta, b. in Marblehead, 1850; d. 1851.
11. 2. Francis W., b. May 7, 1852.
12. 3. Nathan W., b. May 7, 1859.
13. George G., b. Jan. 5, 1828; md. Sarah J., dau. of Aaron Abbott, of Concord; has been engaged in railroad-ing most of his days; is at present master of transportation of the Northern Pacific Railroad, with headquarters at St. Paul, Minn.
14. 1. Joseph A., b. July, 1856, in Concord.
15. 2. Annie Walker, b. June, 1859, in Concord.
16. Henry Mead, b. Aug. 10, 1832; md. Sarah J. Chase, of Manchester, and resides in Concord.
17. 1. Abbie H., b. in Concord, March, 1867.
18. 2. Lillian G., b. in Concord, Sept., 1869.
19. Thomas L., b. Jan. 4, 1836; graduated at Dartmouth college, Aug., 1858; taught the academy in this town four years; in Aug., 1862, enlisted in Co. D, Eleventh Regt. N. H. Vols., and was commissioned first lieutenant of the company; was honorably discharged the February following, and accepted a clerkship at

Washington; md. Julia W., dau. of Robert Wilson, of Hopkinton, and has resided since mostly near Alexandria, Va., where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits; is now a teacher in New York.

20. 1. Bertha W., b. Oct., 1866, in Alexandria, Va.
 21. 2. Robert W., b. Nov. 25, 1870; d. Dec., 1871, at Alexandria, Va.
 22. Matilda C., b. March 17, 1839; d. Aug. 21, 1854.
 23. Emma W., b. Aug. 15, 1842; md. Rev. Rockwood McQueston, of Concord; resides in Winona, Minn.
 24. 1. Ada S., b. Aug. 30, 1867.
 25. 2. Oliver H., b. Nov. 7, 1868; d. Dec. 7, 1869.
 26. 3. Herbert, b. July, 1871.

Nov. 13, 1831, Dr. Sanborn and forty others were admitted to the Congregational church, and while standing in the aisle and about the altar the following hymn, composed by the doctor, was sung to the tune of "Olmutz:"

"How awful, O my God,
 This consecrated place;
 Thy children here surround thy board,
 And taste thy cheering grace.

"Oh! why this happy choice!
 Why here thy guests to-day!
 While thousands scorn a Saviour's love,
 And choose to stay away.

"Free grace alone can save
 Our souls from endless woe:
 Eternal pain can ne'er repay
 The debt of love we owe.

"Come, friends and neighbors, dear,
 Escape the sinner's doom:
 Come, share with us this heavenly feast,—
 Oh! come, for yet there's room.

"Come, saints, and tune your harps
 To a celestial lay:
 Then let us, to our final breath,
 Adore, and praise, and pray."

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27. Edward B. S. Sanborn; lawyer; b. in Canterbury; graduated at Dartmouth college; lived here a few years; now resides in Franklin, which town he has represented in the legislature. Children b. here.
 28. Alice, b. Dec. 22, 1857; d. Sept. 10, 1858.
 29. Edward A., b. Jan. 18, 1861.

30. Dr. George H. Sanborn, son of Lewis D. and Mary A. Sanborn, was b. in Barnstead; studied medicine at Dartmouth and Bowdoin colleges; graduated from the latter in 1874; practised a short time in Chicago, and came from there to this town in the winter of 1875-'76, where he is still in the practice of his profession.

1. Joshua Sanborn, son of Jacob and Mary (Morse) Sanborn, and grandson of Daniel and Betsey (Whitcomb) Sanborn, of Raymond, was b. in Warner, Aug. 17, 1817; his grandmother, Betsey, dau. of Jacob Whitcomb, of this town, and afterwards of Warner, was b. here Sept. 7, 1772, and md. Daniel Sanborn, Oct. 20, 1787. His mother, Mary Morse, was the dau. of Humphrey Morse, who was b. in Newburyport, Mass., moved to Boscawen, and resided near the old meeting-house near Corser hill, in Webster. He was a soldier in the Revolution. Joshua Sanborn md., March 12, 1835, Nancy J. Foster, dau. of Joseph Foster, of Warner, who md., Feb. 15, 1798, Hannah Tutherly, of Weare. Mr. Sanborn resided some time in California.
 2. Mary Jane, b. April 27, 1836; md. Thos. F. Tucker.
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SARGENT.

1. Thomas Sargent, was b. in Warner, June 2, 1782; md., Nov. 13, 1806, Betsey, dau. of Jonathan and Betsey Ray of this town, and settled immediately after upon the place now owned by Madison M. Howe. He was a cooper by trade, which business he carried on in connection with his farm. He d. Feb. 13, 1851; his wife d. Aug. 16, 1858.
2. Eliza, b. May 19, 1807; d. in Warner.
3. William R., b. Aug. 29, 1809. †

4. Jonathan, b. Feb. 26, 1812; d. Feb. 27, 1812.
 5. Abner C., b. Jan. 13, 1815; md. Augusta Rogers, of Salisbury; resides in Hopkinton.
 6. Sarah Jane, b. June 19, 1817; md. Mark Gove.
 7. Thomas W., b. June 26, 1822; md., Oct. 31, 1849, Martha L. Way, of Hopkinton, great-great-granddaughter of James Peters, the first settler of the town. He has always resided in town.
 8. 1. Walter T., b. Dec. 19, 1852; is a watch-maker and jeweller by trade, and an ingenious workman.
 9. 2. William E., b. May 13, 1860.
 10. Isaac P., b. Nov. 15, 1826; md., Nov. 26, 1857, Martha Morrill; resides in Fisherville.
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(3.) William R. Sargent, md. Esther Eastman; d. here Apr. 28, 1860.

11. 1. Martha J., b. Oct. 7, 1837.
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12. James W. Sargent, son of Dea. James Sargent, was b. in Warner; was an employé upon the Concord Railroad several years; was many years in government employ at Washington; md. Paulina Sanborn, of this town. In 1856 he erected the dwelling-house now owned and occupied by J. H. Albin, and purchased the field connected with it; resided here until 1870, when he removed to Falls Church, Va., near Washington, D. C., where he died a few years since. His widow resides with her children in New York city.

13. Franklin, b. Feb. 11, 1844; d. April, 1844.

14. Charles, b. June, 1851; d. 1853.

15. Edward S., b. Sept., 1854.

Born in this town.

16. Ada P., b. Feb., 1857. 17. Emma M., b. March, 1859.

18. Lizzie M., b. May 2, 1861.

SAWYER.

1. Rev. Moses Sawyer, the second minister in this town, was the son of Moses, son of Josiah, son of Josiah,

son of William, of Lincolnshire, Eng., and was born in South Hampton, N. H., March 11, 1776; graduated at Dartmouth college in 1799, taking the first honor of his class. Studied theology with Rev. Asa Burton, Thetford, Vt., until March, 1801, when he commenced preaching in this town. [See Ecclesiastical History.] Through his straightforward manner of conduct, his very even disposition, amiability, and urbanity, always having a pleasant word for all with whom he came in contact, he became quite a favorite with the people of the town, and much regret was felt at parting with him. He lived in the house that he built on the site occupied now by the residence of Mr. Moore. He was a valuable citizen, always taking a deep interest in everything appertaining to the interest of the town. Leaving Henniker, he was settled in Scarborough, Me., in Gloucester, Mass., preached three years in Saugus, Mass., and died in Ipswich, Mass., Aug. 26, 1847, of paralysis. He md. Fanny Kimball, of Boscawen, July 7, 1802, who died in Medford, Mass., May 13, 1854.

2. Caroline, b. May 28, 1804; md. Rev. Daniel Fitz, of Derry, N. H., who was afterwards settled over the South Church, in Ipswich, Mass.
3. Livona, b. May 18, 1806; md. Capt. C. T. Bagley, of Boston, where she resided.
4. Cassandra, b. June 24, 1809; md. Rev. Jesse Lockwood, of New York city; was a missionary among the Cherokee Indians at Dwight's Station; d. June 23, 1840; for the last year previous to her death, she was unable to speak an audible word.
5. Moses K., b. July 7, 1812; md. Caroline Kimball, of Boscawen; spent most of his time after leaving this town in Peabody, Mass.; resided a while in Portland, Me.; then in Concord, N. H.; and again in Portland, where he died in 1875; was a merchant.

6. Jacob Sawyer, son of Edmund and Mehitable Sawyer, was born in Warner, June 16, 1794. He was the



*Yours truly
Henry E. Sawyer*

fourth in line of descent from Edmund Sawyer, who settled in Hampstead, and died in Sutton. Mr. Sawyer's father was a soldier in the Revolution, participating in the battles of Bennington and Long Island. His mother died in this town, and was buried in the Centre burial-yard. He md., April, 1820, Laura, dau. of Joseph Bartlett, of Warner, being the seventeenth in line of descent from Adam Bartlett, who came to England with William the Conqueror, and who was buried at Stopham, A. D. 1100. Mr. Sawyer came to this town in 1830, settling where John K. Connor now resides. He was a genial, social man, and noted for his integrity of character. He moved to Manchester in 1843, where he d. Dec. 6, 1865. His widow d. April 9, 1877. Their three first sons were born in Warner; the others here.

7. Joseph B., b. Oct. 3, 1823; md. Rachel C. Barnes; is a civil engineer; resides in Manchester; has held many positions of honor and trust.
 1. Mary D., b. July 16, 1865.
 2. Sarah G., b. Aug. 18, 1869.
8. Henry Edmund, b. July 14, 1826; graduated from Dartmouth college in 1851; principal of Frances-town academy two years; Henniker academy one term; principal of the high school in Great Falls until 1857; principal of the high school in Concord eight years, until 1865; in April of that year became superintendent of the schools of the city of Middletown, Conn., which position he held until July, 1878, and is now associate principal of the normal school at New Britain, Conn.; was president of the New Hampshire State Teachers' Association two years, and editor of the *Journal of Education* four years; was licensed to preach in 1858 by the Hopkinton Association of Congregational ministers, but has never been ordained, or had any pastoral charge; was in the service of the U. S. Christian Commission in 1864; has been president of the Connecticut State Teachers' Association two years; is the author of several school text-books; md., 1851, Julia A., dau. of Josiah and Lydia (Eaton) French, of Candia, who died Nov. 27, 1875.

9. 1. Julia Lillian, b. in Francestown, 1852.
 10. 2. William Henry, b. in Great Falls, Dec. 29, 1854; d. Sept. 24, 1855.
 11. 3. Edmund F., b. in Concord, Sept. 9, 1858; is a member of the Sophomore class of Wesleyan University, of Middletown, Conn.
 12. Edward, b. June 24, 1828; md. Frances Everett; resides in Newton, Mass.; civil engineer; has one daughter, b. 1865.

Born in Henniker.

14. John Marshall, b. Oct. 14, 1831; md., 1863, Laura James; is a manufacturer of shoe machinery; lives in Lowell; has had six children,—four living.
 15. George Blagdon, b. Feb. 28, 1834; md., 1859, Anna A. Lord, of Berwick, Me.; is a lawyer, and has been for many years clerk of the courts for the county. He has three daughters; resides in Wiscasset, Maine.
 16. Jacob Herbert, b. June 10, 1837; md., 1864, Lizzie Wentworth, of Salmon Falls. He is superintendent of the Appleton Mills in Lowell, Mass. Have had four children; have two living.

17. Jonathan Sawyer, md. and came to this town shortly after the Revolution. He was known as "Squire Sawyer." He was very lame, owing to rheumatism. He resided where the stone house now stands, and died May 29, 18—; his wife d. Dec. 26, 1834.

18. Rufus, b. 1784. +
 19. Lydia, md., Oct. 28, 1810, Owen Perry.
 20. Infant, b. Aug., 1794; d. Aug. 18, 1794.
 21. Jabez, md., July 24, 1816, Hannah Emerson.
 22. Paul, md. Sally Howe, March 24, 1814.
 23. Phebe. 24. Epha.

(18.) Rufus Sawyer, md. Polly Howe, June 30, 1808, and resided upon the Noyes hill in the south-east part of the town. He d. May 7, 1861; his wife d. April 23, 1850.

25. Rufus. + 26. William H. +
 27. Lydia, b. 1803; md. — Bruce; d. Sept. 12, 1846.

(25.) Rufus Sawyer, md. — Clark, and resided upon the

homestead. He was at one time captain of the Rifle company.

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Born in Henniker.

14. John Marshall, b. Oct. 14, 1831; md., 1863, Laura James; is a manufacturer of shoe machinery; lives in Lowell; has had six children,—four living.
 15. George Blagdon, b. Feb. 28, 1834; md., 1859, Anna A. Lord, of Berwick, Me.; is a lawyer, and has been for many years clerk of the courts for the county. He has three daughters; resides in Wiscasset, Maine.
 16. Jacob Herbert, b. June 10, 1837; md., 1864, Lizzie Wentworth, of Salmon Falls. He is superintendent of the Appleton Mills in Lowell, Mass. Have had four children; have two living.

17. Jonathan Sawyer, md. and came to this town shortly after the Revolution. He was known as "Squire Sawyer." He was very lame, owing to rheumatism. He resided where the stone house now stands, and died May 29, 18—; his wife d. Dec. 26, 1834.

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 19. Lydia, md., Oct. 28, 1810, Owen Perry.
 20. Infant, b. Aug., 1794; d. Aug. 18, 1794.
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6. Albert, b. Sept. 6, 1816; d. 1832.

The letter "W" was added to the name with Stephen.²

- (3) Moses Sawyer, had only the advantages of a district school for education, but soon became master of the English branches. At the age of fourteen he went to learn the trade of a cloth-dresser with William L. and Col. Imri Woods, at West Henniker, where he remained five years. From there he went to Starksborough, Vt., having charge of the mill two years. He then went to East Deering. He spent 1829 and 1830 in the Salisbury, Mass., mills. In 1831 he formed a company which started the Weare Woollen Mills, which mills have been under his charge from that time until the present. Having a dislike of oppression from his boyhood, he early became interested in the anti-slavery movement, and throughout the struggle was one of the most zealous of the opponents of slavery. At his house Frederick Douglass commenced writing his autobiography, and his home was one of the stations of the underground railway. He was a strong worker in the Washingtonian temperance movement, and has ever been its ardent defender. For many years he was an earnest worker in the Sabbath-school. He represented the town of Weare in the legislature in 1866, and in all of his dealings has been upright and just, and his integrity of character is universally known. He md., first wife, 1833, Rebecca B. Morrill, of Maine, a most lovely woman, who d. 1848; he md., second wife, 1852, Hannah B., dau. of Daniel Bassett, of Wolfeborough.

Child by first wife.

7. John Edward, b. April 17, 1841; d. 1848.

Children of second wife.

8. Henry A., b. Aug. 1, 1853.
 9. Rebecca E., b. July 24, 1857.
 10. Mary E., b. Sept. 21, 1860.
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- (4.) Nathan Sawyer, md. Anna Hodgdon, of Weare, Oct. 27, 1831, and has always resided upon the old homestead. He represented the town in the legislature in 1856 and '57; was one of the selectmen of the town in 1862, '63, '64, '65, '66, '69, '70, and has ever discharged every trust committed to him with the utmost fidelity. He is universally respected by his fellow-townsmen for his honor and integrity. He is a prominent member of the Society of Friends.
11. Mary H., b. May 15, 1833; md. Nathan Page, Danvers, Mass.
 12. Moses H., b. June 8, 1835; md., first wife, Emma F. Gove, of Weare, Jan. 12, 1867; md., second wife, Eliza, dau. of John and Maria A. Smith. He died July 13, 1873.
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- (5.) Daniel Sawyer, md. June 16, 1831, Dorcas N. Hodgdon, of Weare, where he has mostly resided, having been engaged in the mercantile business at North Weare for many years, and has ever sustained the reputation of an honorable and upright man.
13. Susan H., b. Nov. 2, 1834; d. Jan. 24, 1836.
 14. Albert H., b. Oct. 26, 1837.
 15. Oliver D., b. Nov. 19, 1839.
 16. Amelia H., b. Feb. 3, 1848.
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REV. JAMES SCALES.

James Scales, of Rowley, Mass., married Sarah Curtis, of Boxford, Mass., March 10, 17—, and settled in the latter place. They had nine children,—six sons and three daughters. James, the eldest son, was born in Boxford, May 31, 1707. In 1725, his father and uncle were killed by Indians near their own

2. Thomas Spencer, b. March 28, 1822; graduated, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, at Middlebury college, Vt., July, 1843; received his medical degree at Woodstock, Vt., March, 1848; studied Homœopathy, and began the practice of medicine at Woburn, Mass., in Sept., 1848, where he still resides. He is widely known as a skilful physician and an excellent citizen. He md., first wife, Maria, dau. of James B. Gray, of Wilton, Sept., 1848, who d. Nov., 1857; he md., second wife, Mary C. Snow, of Woburn, Oct., 1858, who d. Jan. 19, 1859; he md., third wife, July 15, 1859, Jennie Mathes, of Lowell.

Child by first wife.

3. 1. Mary, b. 1855; d. April, 1857.

Children of third wife.

4. 2. Annie, b. July, 1861. 5. 3. Fred, b. Nov. 29, 1864.
6. Sarah M., b. Oct. 24, 1824; d. at Alexandria, Mo., May 2, 1855; interred at St. Louis, April, 1856; unmd.
7. Henry M., b. Aug. 29, 1826; lived in Plainfield, where he md., April 30, 1853, Jeannette Gleason. He was town-clerk from March, 1870, until his death in November, 1871.
8. William E., b. Dec. 14, 1828; d. April 28, 1836.
9. Edward Payson, b. July 17, 1831; graduated as A. B. at Dartmouth college in 1855; graduated at the Homœopathic Medical College, Cleveland, Ohio, March, 1859, and commenced practice in South Dedham, Mass., May 4, 1859; remained there two years, and then moved to Winchester, Mass., remaining there two years; then settled in Newton, Mass., in April, 1863, where he still resides. He md. Hannah E. Towle, of Woburn, May 4, 1859. He ranks high as a physician; and as a citizen he is universally esteemed.
10. 1. Infant son, b. Dec. 24, 1863; d.
11. 2. Mary B., b. Nov. 29, 1864.
12. 3. George C., b. Sept. 15, 1866.
13. 4. Nellie E., b. April 1, 1868.
14. 5. William E., b. Nov. 23, 1869.
15. 6. Charles Henry, b. Dec. 28, 1872; d. Jan. 22, 1874.
16. 7. Luther D., b. July 8, 1874.
17. 8. Carrie L., b. March 30, 1876.
18. George Champion, b. Jan. 30, 1833; was killed on the Boston & Lowell Railroad, Aug. 10, 1854.

SCRIBNER.

1. Jonathan Scribner, grandson of Ela Scribner, and son of Jonathan and Hannah (Godfrey) Scribner, was b. in Salisbury, and came to this town in —; he was a blacksmith by trade, working in a shop that stood a little south of the present residence of Dr. Peabody. He md., in 1822, Edna Hildreth, of Sutton.
 2. Lowell, b. in Unity, 1823; resides in Franklin.
 3. Lavina, b. in Unity, 1825; md. — Constantine; two sons,—Frank and Walter; one daughter.
 4. Mary, b. in Sutton, 1829; md. George Hoyt; resides in New York.
 5. Jewett, b. in Sutton, 1832; was master of a railroad section for many years in town; md. Adaline Tucker. He d. Sept. 25, 1863; his wife d. Sept. 22, 1866.
 6. 1. Freddie, b. Aug. 27, 1862.
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SEARLE.

1. Dea. Stephen Searle, son of Jeremiah and Mary Thurston Searle, was born in New Rowley, Mass., and md., Feb. 29, 1793, Mary Jewett, of Old Rowley, Mass.; they moved immediately to Atkinson, where they resided until 1815, when they returned to New Rowley, Mass., and remained until 1820, when they came to this town and settled on the farm now known as the "Luther Harthorn farm," on the north side of Craney hill. They remained here until 1827, when they again returned to New Rowley, Mass., where they resided the remainder of their days. They had nine children, five born in Atkinson, the other four in New Rowley, Mass.
2. Jeremiah, md. Mary Lamb, of Salem, and resided in Troy, N. Y., where he died May 30, 1861; was a clergyman.
3. Mary, md. John Perkins, of Topsfield, Mass.; she d. Oct. 1, 1865.
4. Jacob, md. Abigail Saunders, and lived in Groveland, Mass.; d. in 1871.

5. Lois, md. Nathaniel Tenney, of St. Albans, Me.
 6. Stephen, md. Sarah Stickney, of Byfield, Mass.
 - 7 and 8,—twins: Dorothy C., md. Richard Sargent, of West Amesbury, Mass. Sarah J., md. Isaac Adams, of Boxford, Mass.
 9. Benjamin G., resides in Bolton, Mass.
 10. Richard T., fitted for college at Phillips academy, Andover, Mass.; graduated at Union college, Schenectady, N. Y., in 1835; Andover Theological Seminary, in 1841; preached in several places until May 8, 1845, when he was ordained over the church at Middleton, Mass.; in Henniker, from Nov. 20, 1847, until March 20, 1850; Marblehead, in 1851; Marlboro', Mass., 1852 to 1862; Harwinton, Ct., 1864 to 1865; Thomaston, Ct., 1865 to 1866; Liverpool, N. Y., 1866 to 1868; Thetford, Vt., 1868 to 1874; then in Windsor, Vt., where he d., 1878.
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SILVER.

John Silver, resided in a house that stood near the bend of the river easterly from the "Joseph Plummer place;" he was a cooper by trade; was terribly afflicted with the asthma, which made him very irritable, and he was not well liked, and was known as "Old Hominy." Had several children, John, Levi, Joseph.

SMITH.

1. Lt. John Smith, whose parentage is unknown to us, was born in Londonderry (it is supposed), June 6, 1752. He was brought up in the family of Thomas Wallace, of Londonderry, and lived in that town until his marriage with Lucy, dau. of Zachariah and Elizabeth Whitman, of Stow, Mass., Dec. 9, 1780, who was b. Oct. 8, 1758. He came immediately to this town, and settled on the south-east side of Craney Hill, on some land given him by Mr. Wallace. He was a strong, resolute man, full of humor in his social life; of sterling worth; often in office, having represented

the town in the legislature from 1808 to 1812. He d. June 5, 1826 ; his wife d. Sept. 4, 1848.

2. Thomas, b. April 16, 1781 ; d. July 26, 1789.
3. Jane, b. Dec. 28, 1782 ; d. April 8, 1794.
4. Lucy, b. Jan. 31, 1784 ; md. Ephraim Morrill.
5. David, b. Aug. 27, 1786 ; md. Betsey Plummer ; went to New York ; had four children.
6. John, b. Feb. 23, 1788 ; d. in Philadelphia ; unmd.
7. Elizabeth, b. May 24, 1790 ; md. Joshua Craig.
8. Martha, b. March 25, 1792 ; md. — Adams ; resided in Manchester ; had six children.
9. Edward, b. June 3, 1794 ; resided in this town most of the time until 1855, when he went to California.
10. Sarah, b. April 5, 1796 ; d. Nov. 21, 1797.
11. William, b. April 16, 1798. +
12. David, b. Jan., 1800 ; d. Sept 11, 1800.
13. Samuel, b. 1802 ; resided in Roxbury, Mass. ; unmd.
14. Mary, b. 1804 ; md. — Page ; resided in Manchester a few years, then went to Missouri.

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- (11.) William Smith, md. Eliza Brown, of Weare, June 7, 1821. He was a hard-working man, and powerful in strength ; he was the builder of the stone bridge. His wife d. July 31, 1859, when he md. Mrs. David Stevens ; he d. Jan. 7, 1875.
15. John, b. June 8, 1826 ; md. Anstiss M., dau. of Josiah and Mary O. Johnson, Dec. 30, 1847 ; taught school several terms ; was at one time captain of the Grenadiers of this town, and was highly respected. He d. June 8, 1855.
 16. 1. Eliza, md., first, Moses H. Sawyer ; second, John A. Rice.
 17. 2. Frances M., b. Jan. 14, 1850 ; d. Sept. 14, 1863.
 18. Horace B., b. June 7, 1828 ; md., Aug. 14, 1851, Susan A. Jordan ; resides in Charlestown, Mass. ; no children.
 19. William Harvey, b. March 23, 1831 ; md., April 3, 1856, Charlotte M., dau. of Horace and Mary Tucker. He d. Jan. 15, 1880.
 20. 1. Marietta J., b. July 9, 1860.
 21. Sophronia, b. April 3, 1833 ; md. Boynton G. Dodge.
 22. Horatio, b. Feb. 23, 1836 ; resides in Chili, S. A. ; md., June 25, 1860, Francisca De Soto.
 23. Mary R., b. Dec. 3, 1838 ; d. July 30, 1860.

In the old burial-ground at Sudbury, Mass., is a small marble shaft, bearing upon it the following inscription; "Here lie the remains of John and Sarah Smith, the first ancestors, who came from Sudbury, Eng., in 1638." Of how large a portion of the Smith family they were the ancestors is of course unknown, but if they were the ancestors of but a small portion, they certainly have a goodly following, for there is hardly a hamlet in the older settled portions of this country but what the name is found as having existed, or as existing at the present time.

Three brothers, ¹Ezekiel, + ²Samuel, + and ³Moses, + settled in this town from Marlboro' and Grafton, Mass. They were among the earliest settlers of Henniker. Though all reared large families Mrs. Abram Chase is the only direct descendant from them now living in this town.

(1.) Ezekiel Smith, md. Ruth, dau. of Jonathan and Abigail

Childs, of Grafton, Mass., Oct. 16, 1762. They came to this town in the spring of 1767, and settled upon the farm so long in the name of the family, and now owned by Alden Rowe. He and his wife were two of the original members of the first church embodied in this town, being dismissed from the church at Westborough, Mass., April 9, 1769, two months before the church was organized in this town. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were ever foremost in their endeavors to make their new home in the wilderness pleasant, socially, morally, and religiously. Mr. Smith was often honored with positions of trust by his fellow-townsmen. He d. Feb. 18, 1795; his wife d. Dec. 29, 1818.

4. Lucy, b. Sept. 5, 1763; md. Josiah Patterson.
5. Sarah, b. July 22, 1765; md. Timothy Abbott.
6. Barzillai, b. Jan. 31, 1767; he was christened Jan. 3, 1768, as Bezaleel. +
7. Ruth, b. 1768; md. — Brown.
8. Miriam, b. 1770; md. Asa Abbott.
9. Patty, b. 1772; md. Paul Harthorn.
10. Ezekiel, b. 1775. +
11. David, went to New York; d. May 30, 1837.

(2.) Samuel Smith, md. Hannah Marble, of Marlboro', Mass., and came to this town about 1770, and lived upon the

place now owned by Mrs. Sophia Stiles, in the west part of the town. The first apple-trees raised in the west part of the town grew from seeds saved and brought here by Mr. Smith's wife, Hannah Marble. His wife d. Nov. 20, 1818.

12. Samuel Miles, b. April 3, 1771.†
 13. Hannah, b. April 20, 1775; md. Francis M. Withington, 1796.
 14. Betsey, b. Jan. 3, 1775; d. Dec. 16, 1843; unmd.
 15. Jonathan, b. Feb. 7, 1777.
 16. Henry, b. Dec. 3, 1778.†
 17. Sargent, b. Feb. 13, 1781.
 18. Mindrell, b. 1782; md. Wm. Challis, of Orange.
 19. Thankful, b. 1784; d. Jan. 13, 1853.
 20. Lucy, b. July, 1785; d. July 27, 1785.
 21. Nancy, b. 1787; md. Levi Clement, Oct. 6, 1816.
 22. Lydia, b. April 17, 1789; md. Jacob Gordon, March 24, 1814.
 23. Lucy, b. 1792; d. Feb. 22, 1796.
 24. Lucy, md. John Gordon.

(3.) Moses Smith, md. Susanna —, and came to this town shortly after his brother Samuel, and lived in a house that stood on the east bank of the river near Dea. Harthorn's ferrying-place, and had charge of the ferry for many years. He did excellent service in the Revolution, and was highly respected.

25. Infant, b. and d. 1772, }
 26. Infant, b. and d. 1772, } twins.
 27. Thomas, b. July 24, 1773. 28. Moses, b. 1774.†
 29. Patty, b. Aug. 26, 1776; d. Dec. 3, 1815.
 30. Ephraim, b. Dec. 15, 1777.
 31. Benjamin, b. Nov. 14, 1779.
 32. Olive, b. July 30, 1781. 33. Abigail, b. Sept. 10, 1783.
 34. Stephen, d. June 6, 1796.

(6.) Bezaleel Smith, md. Polly Parker, of Pembroke, 1791; settled in the north-west part of the town, westerly from "Wadsworth hill," so-called. He was always known as "Uncle Zela," and used to appear at church in common with many of the old settlers,

wearing his leather apron. His wife d. Nov. 12, 1792; he md., for his second wife, Prudence Rice, in 1795. When eleven months old his parents carried him on horseback to Westborough, Mass., to have him baptized. He d. Aug. 23, 1848; his wife d. May 21, 1838.

Child by first wife.

35. Infant, b. Nov., 1792; d. Nov. 6, 1792.

Children by second wife.

36. Parker, b. Oct. 18, 1796.+

37. Fanny, b. Jan. 10, 1802; md. Abram Chase.

38. Elijah, b. May 6, 1803.+

(10.) Ezekiel Smith, md., 1797, Abigail Wilder, and resided most of his days upon the old homestead. He d. March 23, 1836; his wife d. March 1, 1850.

39. Josephus, b. Jan. 7, 1788.+

40. Calvin, b. Oct. 22, 1799.+

41. Socrates, b. 1801; d. Sept. 11, 1810.

42. Alpha, b. 1803. 43. Mary Ann, b. 1805; unmd.

44. Uriah, b. 1807.

45. James, } twins, b. 1809; { d. Sept. 11, 1810.

46. Nancy, } twins, b. 1809; { md. Rodney Gove.

47. David, b. 1812; d. May 28, 1813. 48. Gilbert, b. 1814.

49. Socrates, b. 1816; graduated at Dartmouth college in 1842; studied theology at Andover, Mass.; entered the ministry and went to Illinois where he md. and followed preaching and farming. He d. several years since.

50. Drusilla, b. 1818; md. Wm. Fletcher, Aug. 21, 1845.

51. David W., b. 1821; d. in California.

(12.) Samuel Miles Smith, md. Mitta; d. April 4, 1816.

52. Josiah, b. 1806.+

53. Phila, d. Dec. 23, 1815.

54. Salina, d. Jan. 9, 1816. 55. Maria, d. Jan. 12, 1816.

Other children, but no record.

(16.) Henry Smith, md. Ruth, dau. of Francis and Rachel (Mason) Withington, March 21, 1799. His wife d. March 14, 1839.

56. Clarissa, b. 1799; md. Cyrus Carpenter; d. Aug. 8, 1860.

No record of other children.

(28.) Moses Smith, md. Mary —.

57. Joseph, b. June 4, 1796; d. June 6, 1796.
 58. Asenath, b. Sept. 21, 1798.
 59. Mary, b. July 1, 1800; d. Dec. 3, 1815.
 60. Sally, b. July 7, 1802.
 61. Stephen S., b. April 18, 1804. 62. Etta, b. May 8, 1808.
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(36.) Parker Smith, md. Martha Savage, of Greenfield, Nov. 24, 1825, and resided upon the old homestead most of his days. He d. Nov. 30, 1866.

63. Cassandra, b. May 27, 1827; md. Joseph Emerson; has Warren, John, Lizzie, Charlie.
 64. Livonia, b. May 19, 1830; md. Geo. A. Woods.
 65. Caroline, b. Aug. 25, 1831; md. Warren S. Foster.
 66. John C., b. May 27, 1833; resides in Michigan.
 67. Martha, b. July 19, 1841; md. Moses Cheney.
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(38.) Elijah Smith, md. Lucy Wood, March 26, 1827; she d. Sept. 9, 1836. He md. Hannah Presbury, of Bradford, in 1837.

Children by first wife.

68. Amanda M., b. Feb. 10, 1828; md. Charles Vose, of Francestown; d. March 30, 1861.
 69. Sarah, b. Oct. 2, 1829; d. Aug. 30, 1861.
 70. Prudence R., b. Sept. 3, 1831; md. Hosea Quint.
 71. Lucy A., b. Sept. 7, 1833; md. Aiken Martin.
 72. David W., b. Aug. 1, 1836; md. Lydia Pillsbury.

Children by second wife.

73. Louisa F., b. Oct. 8, 1838; md. Thomas Craige.
 74. Leonard W., b. Sept. 5, 1842.
 75. Elnora F., b. Feb. 18, 1845. 76. Emma J., b. 1847; d.
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(39.) Josephus Smith, md. Lydia Sawyer, of Bradford, 1832. He d. April 27, 1866; his wife d. Oct. 3, 1874.

77. Elizabeth, b. April 11, 1833; md. Henry Gilmore, April 20, 1856.
 78. Ebenezer S., b. May 27, 1835; resides in Conn.
 79. Susan A. B., b. July 10, 1837.
 80. Drusilla, b. July 28, 1839.
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(40.) Calvin Smith, md. Susan, dau. of Francis and Azubah Bowman, Nov. 4, 1821. He d. Feb. 10, 1861.

81. Azubah, b. May 1, 1822.
 82. Daniel W., b. Nov. 9, 1825; md.; d. July 28, 1859.
 83. Alpha C., b. 1828; md. Drusilla Smith, Jan. 17, 1857.
 84. Charles, b. 1830.
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- (52.) Josiah Smith, md. Nancy Pressey, April 22, 1841. He became deaf and dumb in consequence of the scarlet fever in 1816. He was run over by the cars and killed, Jan. 17, 1859; his wife d. —.
85. John W., b. Feb. 16, 1843.
 86. Maria, resides in Hartford, Conn.
 87. Abbie L., b. June 13, 1846; d. April 13, 1865.
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1. Bemsley Smith, was b. in Essex, Mass.; md. Mary Kinsman, of that town, and settled here about 1815 upon the farm where Oliver A. Newton resides. He d. Feb. 25, 1848; his wife d. —.
 2. Susan Elwell, b. Aug. 30, 1813; md. Dr. D. O. Collins, of Contoocook; no children; d. —.
 3. Peleg W., b. June 5, 1815; md. Emily, dau. of Saunders Hoyt, of this town; resides in Massachusetts.
 4. Addison K., b. Sept. 15, 1818; d.
 5. Abigail M., b. Sept. 1, 1822; md. Albert J. Couch, of Warner, Nov. 30, 1854; three children.
 6. Elizabeth W., b. April 21, 1825; d. Dec. 29, 1837.
 7. Eunice K., b. April 21, 1828; d.
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8. Samuel Smith, was a lawyer, and resided here several years; he was b. in 1807, and d. here Aug. 17, 1837; he was a young man of much promise.
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1. Lewis Smith, was the son of Jabez and Chloe Richards Smith; was b. at Ashford, Windham county, Conn., June 5, 1815, and went the September following, with his parents, to Wilmington, Vt., where he remained until sixteen years of age, when he went to Bennington, Vt., and fitted for the sophomore class in college, but never entered. Turning his attention to law, he studied at Fayetteville and Springfield, Vt., and finally with Edmund Burke, of Newport, where he was admitted to the bar in 1840. During the time of his studies he taught several district and select schools; came to this town, March 15, 1841, and opened his first law office. He resided here about ten years, during which time he

rapidly rose in his profession, and took high rank as a lawyer. He was one of the representatives from Heniker in 1851; was one of the delegates to the Constitutional Convention the same year; was assistant clerk of the House of Representatives in 1845-'46, and clerk of the same in 1847-'48, performing its duties in so admirable a manner as to earn for himself the reputation of one of the most rapid and correct officials that had ever filled that position in the House of Representatives of this state. After leaving here he resided a while in Fisherville, and then in Nashua, where he drew up the charter uniting the towns of Nashua and Nashville, for which he was highly complimented by some of the highest legal authority in the state. He removed to Hastings, Minn., May, 1856, where he remained until 1872, when he removed to St. Joseph, Mo., where he still resides. While a resident of Minnesota, he had a very extensive law practice; was at different times a member of both branches of the legislature, and was auditor of Dakota county for four years. He md., Dec. 15, 1841, Sarah Noyes, of this town, who d. Feb. 19, 1860, at Hastings, Minn. Children all born in this town.

2. Lewis Noyes, b. Dec. 21, 1842; md., April 6, 1871, Lillia V. White, of Stowe, Vt.; they have four children (all born in St. Joseph),—Mary M., Louise O., Lillie G., and Sarah J. Mr. Smith is at the head of one of the largest agricultural warehouses in Missouri.
3. Henry Dorr, b. May 15, 1844; md., March 18, 1871, Maria A. Ryan, who was b. in England, March 10, 1853; they have two children (born in Chicago, Ill.)—Maud L. and Ella Agnes.
4. Noel Byron, b. Jan. 9, 1846; md., Dec. 21, 1875, Mary B. Riddle, of St. Joseph, Mo.

STEVENS.

1. David Stevens, was b. at Newbury, March 7, 1807; md. Lavina Dudley Brown, who was b. at Newbury, Aug. 19, 1812. He d. May 29, 1868; his widow md. William Smith.
2. George W. Brown, b. Feb. 29, 1829; d. Feb. 10, 1876, at Bloomfield, N. J.

3. Charles F., b. in Weare, Aug. 18, 1839; unmd.
 4. Amanda M., b. in Weare, Feb. 22, 1843; md. Lorenzo Morse.
 5. Olive A., b. in Deering, April 17, 1845; md. Parker P. Patch.
Born here.
 6. Phebe C., b. June 26, 1848.
 7. Betsey L., b. Jan. 31, 1853; md. James R. Straw.
 8. Addie I., b. Sept. 14, 1856.
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STONE.

1. Thomas Stone, md. Rebecca —, and came to this town from Pembroke; was a carpenter by trade; was a strong, powerful man. I am sorry to say that the record of this family is very meagre. I have gathered what I could. He d. Oct. 7, 1807; his wife d. July 10, 1783.
 2. Thomas, b. 1745.+ 3. Ezekiel.+ 4. James.+
And others.
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- (2.) Thomas Stone, md. Mary —; came to town with his father; was a saddler by trade, and opened the first shop of the kind in town, in a little building that stood near where is now the west end of the railroad bridge in the east part of the town. He d. Sept. 25, 1827; his first wife d. Aug. 20, 1809.
 5. James, b. —; d. May 15, 1790.
 6. Daniel, md. Judith Pressey, Feb. 5, 1813.
 7. Rufus. S. Elijah, b. 1781.+
 9. Jane. 10. Rebecca, d. June 29, 1788.
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- (3.) Ezekiel Stone, md. Jane —. He was a soldier in the Revolution.
 11. Rebecca, b. April 28, 1772.
 12. Molly, b. March 29, 1779, and others.
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- (4.) James Stone, md. Lydia Abbott, of Derry. He was a soldier in the Revolution; wounded at Bunker Hill by a bayonet.
 13. John, b. Feb. 22, 1780; md. Mary Collins, of Weare, Feb. 11, 1808; moved to Warrensburg, N. Y., d. aged 95.

14. James, b. Nov. 10, 1781. †
 15. Jane, b. 1783; md. Josiah Whitney.
 16. Lydia, b. May 19, 1785; md. Chas. Greenfield.
 17. Rebecca, b. July 18, 1787; d. Jan. 29, 1790.
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- (8.) Elijah Stone, md. Dorcas Gibson, Feb. 10, 1805. He was a leather-dresser by trade, a strong, powerful man, and possessed of more than an ordinary intellect. He d. Dec. 1, 1837; his wife d. Aug. 13, 1856.
18. Dolly, b. Nov. 13, 1805.
 19. Clarissa, b. March 17, 1807; md. S. P. Hardy; d. March 14, 1871.
 20. Louisa, b. May 21, 1808. 21. Mary, b. April 24, 1810.
 22. Laura, b. June 4, 1812. 23. Albert G., b. Dec. 22, 1816.
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- (14.) James Stone, was "put out" in the family of Wm. Bowman, where he resided until he was twenty-one years of age; then went to Dunbarton, and resided in the family of Rev. Mr. Harris two years; then md. Mary E. Beard; d. in Dunbarton, May 10, 1871; his wife d. aged nearly eighty-four years. Eleven children, one of whom is M. P. Stone, a highly respected citizen of Dunbarton.
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STRAW.

1. James Straw, son of James and Marion Straw, was b. in Warner, May 4, 1818; came to this town as a clerk for H. M. Davis, and resided here until his death. He followed the mercantile business, when his health permitted, most of the time of his residence here, and was noted for his uprightness of character and efficiency in business, and at his death left the largest property ever left by any one person in this town. He was post-master several years, and was one of the representatives of the town in 1852. He md., 1848, Hannah, dau. of Rufus Tutherly, of Weare. He d. Nov. 4, 1871.
 2. James R., b. July 27, 1849; md. March 9, 1871, Lavina Stevens, of this town.
 3. Mary Emma, b. May 24, 1860.
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4. Dr. Jacob Straw, was b. in Hopkinton in 1792; studied medicine, and was in Warner in 1819. In 1820 he came to this town, where he remained until his death. In 1819 he became a member of the Centre District Medi-

cal Society, and by his associates was held in the highest esteem, being considered one of the strong men in his profession. One of his associates said of him,—“He was a man professionally rather above the average men of his time.” He became quite a politician at one time, and represented this town in the legislature in 1837 and 1838; was state senator in 1841 and 1842. He was found dead in his office on the morning of Sept. 12, 1856. A post-mortem examination was held by Drs. Parsons, Burnham, and Peterson, which resulted in the decision that he died of apoplexy, and that his death was instantaneous. Dr. Straw was never married.

STUART.

1. The ancestor of the family by this name that settled in this town was born in Londonderry, Ireland; his father was a Scotchman, and in direct line of descent from the Stuarts of Scotland, so famous in history. He came to this country when he was 12 years of age, and settled in Londonderry, N. H., where he md. and raised a large family.
 2. Thomas Stuart, one of his sons, md. first wife, Nancy Hogg, and for his second wife, Betsey Moore, and came to this town during the Revolution, and settled where Mr. Cate now resides. During his first year here, he lived in Judge Wallace's house until he could erect one. He was drowned. [See Accidents.] His wife d. Sept. 13, 1849, aged 91 years. Children all born here.
 3. John. + 4. Samuel. 5. Joseph. 6. James.
 7. William. The last four sons settled in St. Stephens, New Brunswick. Samuel had one daughter; resides in San Francisco, Cal. Joseph d. a few years since in Calais, Me. James was drowned by a steamboat disaster, and William drowned himself.
 8. Jane; md. Abram Bickford.
 9. Daughter, d. April 1, 1786.
 10. Betsey; md. — Buntin; lives in Manchester.
 11. Adam; b. 1798. +
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- (3.) John Stuart, md., Dec. 11, 1803, Sally Gordon, of this town; he was a soldier in the war of 1812; lived in a house that stood opposite the entrance to the new cemetery. No date of his death. His wife d. Nov. 10, 1841.

12. Mehitable, b. June 18, 1804; md. Michael Tubbs, of Deering; three children; all live in California. She d. Oct. 10, 1862.
13. Hannah, b. Jan. 30, 1806; d. Jan. 28, 1819.
14. John L., b. April 3, 1808; md. in Clear Spring, Md., and removed to Illinois; three of his sons live in California.
15. Almira; md. Bartlett Simons, of Deering.
16. Jacob; md. twice in Penn.; d. some years ago.
17. James; lives in Sante Fé, New Mexico, where he has been for twenty-five years.
18. Nancy, md., first husband, Charles R. Winter, of St. Johnsbury, Vt., by whom she had three children,—Edwin, d. at nine months; Emma, md. J. S. Chatterton; resided at Sacramento, Cal., where she d. Nov. 15, 1862; Ella, md. N. B. Edgerly, of Wolfeborough, who d. in San Francisco, Oct. 1, 1869; md., second husband, in 1865, Charles E. Davidson, of Prince Edward's Island; resides in San Francisco.
19. Mary A., md. John D. Carswell, of Northwood; resides in Oakland, Cal.; has two daughters,—Abbie Ann and Ella W.
20. Infant, d. young.

The record of this family is very meagre, and the names may not all be arranged in the regular order.

- (10.) Adam Stuart, md., Sept. 15, 1821, Lucy, dau. of Joseph and Mehitable Marsh of this town, and resided on the homestead; he d. Sept. 17, 1839, and his widow md. Frederick Woods, and moved to Michigan.
21. Joseph M., b. June 20, 1822; went to the West.
22. Thomas, b. Sept. 1, 1823; md., May 5, 1848, Ann A. Pillsbury, who d. Feb. 15, 1874; went to Concord in 1846, purchased the Columbian hotel, became its landlord in 1848, and remained so for many years. In 1873, was chosen one of the directors of the First National Bank, Concord, which position he yet holds; for many years was one of the trustees of the National Savings Bank; a sound business man, and highly respected.
23. Harvey, b. 1834; d. Oct. 3, 1836.

SWETT.

1. Bela M. Swett, was b. in Salisbury, Mass., Sept. 23, 1800. He came to this town when quite young, and lived in the family of Lt. John Proctor; learned the carpenters' trade, and md., in 1822, Persis Brown (deaf mute), dau. of Nahum Brown, who was educated at Hartford, and was very proficient in writing and drawing. He d. Oct. 11, 1864; his wife d. March 17, 1869. Mr. Swett and his wife were both born the same day.
 2. Thomas B., lives in Antrim; four children, three of them deaf mutes.
 3. William B., md. Margaret —; lives in Marblehead, Mass.; several children.
 4. 1. James B., b. 1856; d. Dec. 13, 1864.
 5. 2. Addie M., b. 1860; d. Dec. 24, 1864.
 6. 3. Maria L., b. Sept. 12, 1864.
 7. Nahum George, d. in the Mexican war.
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TEMPLE.

1. Jonathan Temple,—son of Abraham, son of Isaac, son of Abraham, who was at Concord, Mass., born in 1678,—was b. May 5, 1735, in Marlborough, Mass.; his mother's name was Elizabeth Stratton. Mr. Temple came to this town several years before its incorporation, and settled upon a portion of the present farm of Mrs. W. H. Gilmore, his house standing a little north-east from Mrs. Gilmore's present residence. He md., Nov. 6, 1760, Dorothy Morse, dau. of Joseph and Abigail Morse, of Marlborough, Mass. Mr. Temple built and operated the first saw-mill in this township. [See Mills.] His children all came here, and were born in Marlborough; his wife always remained at Marlborough. He d. March 31, 1813; she d. 1769.
 2. Lydia, b. Aug. 2, 1761; d. 1767.
 3. Sarah, b. Oct. 16, 1762; md., Feb. 26, 1781, Thomas Baker.
 4. Jasper, b. July 19, 1764. †
 5. Isaac, b. June 30, 1767.
 6. John, b. Nov. 27, 1769; md., June 5, 1800, Nabby Wilkins.
 7. Dolly; md. John Hunter.
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- (4.) Jasper Temple, md., Sept. 22, 1805, Mrs. Rhoda (Cutter) Whitney, of this town, and lived on the farm



*I am affectionately
yours, L. G. Thompson*

now owned by Mrs. W. H. Gilmore; the old house is still standing. He d. June 26, 1848.

8. Sophia, b. June 28, 1806; d. April 22, 1816.
 9. Sena, b. June 28, 1806.
 10. Sally, b. Oct. 7, 1808; md. Franklin Noyes.
 11. Infant son, b. Feb. 15, 1813; d. March 9, 1813.
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THOMPSON.

Mrs. Lucinda (Gould) Thompson, had very limited advantages for obtaining an education, they being confined largely to the schools in this town. She became a teacher, and taught several terms very successfully. She inherited from her parents a fondness for music, to which she devoted much time, and was one of the sweet singers whom Master John Connor delighted to call "my girls," as her silvery notes fell like glistening pearls upon the ears of her enraptured listeners. She married, for her first husband, Captain John Proctor (see Proctor family). She married, for her second husband, Captain Joseph Thompson, of Andover, where she resided until his death. She had one son by this marriage, who is an officer in the U. S. army. After the death of her husband she resided mostly with her children by her first husband—a considerable portion of her time with her daughter, Mrs. Coolidge, at South Framingham, Mass., where she died, Nov. 15, 1878, and at her request was buried in the beautiful cemetery at that place. Mrs. Thompson was a woman of marked ability. Her reasoning powers were strongly developed, and her well-stored mind rendered her very interesting in conversation. Her wise counsel and deep sympathy were much sought for by those in distress. She was genial in her disposition, quick in her perceptions of right and wrong, strong in her friendship, with a heart and hand abounding in good words and works, and a woman of deep religious convictions, which rendered her whole life a benediction. As a wife, she was loving, calm, and gentle, and as a mother, wise and judicious, making her home all that could be desired. Her whole pathway in life was luminous with good deeds; and many who now sleep quietly in the vale beneath the shadow of their native hills, received their first lessons of life and its duties from her, and ever held her in the highest esteem. Her talents were not folded in a napkin, but were called into daily use by the force of a

firm purpose and a desire to make the best use of what God had endowed her with. She was the especial friend of the children, with a fund of amusing anecdotes mingled with wise counsel; and many a young life bore in its later years the impress of her mind as a successful teacher and true friend. To the aged and infirm her presence was like a psalm of praise, full of consolation and hope for them. She passed gently away from earth like a shock of corn fully ripe, and so peaceful was her exit, her children could not help exclaiming,—“For He giveth his beloved sleep.”

TUCKER.

1. Ezra Tucker, md. Hepsibeth Pressey, and settled in this town as early as 1766, near the present residence of Mrs. C. R. Bacon; in 1772 he purchased Silas Barnes's farm, where Ezra Eastman and his son George now reside, where he passed the remainder of his days. He was a soldier in the French and Indian war, and was in the Revolution; was commissioned second lieutenant in Capt. Emery's company, Col. Baldwin's regiment, and was at the battle of White Plains, Oct. 28, 1776. He was a prominent man in the town for many years. He d. Oct. 26, 1804; his wife d. Sept. 22, 1801.
 2. Ezra, Jr., b. Feb. 14, 1765. †
 3. Betsey, b. Dec. 9, 1767.
 4. Sargent, b. Feb. 26, 1869.
 5. Hannah, b. Jan. 19, 1771.
 6. Sarah, b. Nov. 27, 1772.
 7. Jonathan, b. Feb. 26, 1775. †
 8. Phebe, b. Jan. 24, 1777.
 9. Mercy, b. 1779.
 10. Thomas, b. Jan. 4, 1781. †
 11. David, b. 1883; d. July 5, 1787.
- Three more children of whom there is no record.
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- (2.) Ezra Tucker, md. Hannah, dau. of Stephen and Hannah Hardy, of this town, April 25, 1804; resided a while upon the homestead, then in various parts of the town; d. July 13, 1829.
 11. Mahala, b. Aug. 26, 1810.
 12. Sophronia, b. Feb. 3, 1812; md. Samuel Folsom, who resided in the south part of the town, and who d. Jan. 2, 1859. His son Ezra was a soldier in the late war. Mr. Folsom was the son of Nathaniel and Sarah Folsom, of Sandwich.

13. David, b. Aug. 2, 1814; resides in Hopkinton; a highly respected citizen.
14. William, b. Dec. 4, 1817. 15. Susan, b. Feb. 2, 1820.
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- (7.) Jonathan Tucker, md. Martha Morrison, of Peterborough, and resided here some time after his marriage.
15. Abram, b. June 5, 1808.†
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- (10.) Thomas Tucker, md., April 29, 1804, Charlotte Green, who was b. Jan. 3, 1782. He resided the larger part of his life, after marriage, where C. F. Gove resides. Was a prominent citizen of the town, and for many years deputy sheriff. He d. April 1, 1853; his wife d. Sept. 12, 1838.
16. Green, b. 1805; d. April 6, 1805.
17. Moody, b. Dec. 25, 1806.†
18. Horace, b. Jan. 21, 1809.†
19. Thirza, b. March 11, 1811; d. June 22, 1834.
20. Robert, b. Feb. 24, 1813; enlisted in the U. S. service in 1836; was stationed at Fort Leavenworth; after his discharge settled in MacGregor, Iowa, where he d. July, 1855. His wife d. shortly after. Two children.
21. Mehitable L., b. April 20, 1815; md. R. S. Rogers.
22. Betsey, b. Sept. 18, 1817; md. Micajah Foster.
23. Thomas, b. Sept. 16, 1819; md. Ursula Wilson, of Canaan. Three children.
24. Dexter, b. July 6, 1821; md. Mehitable B. Sanborn, of Franklin; resides in Loudon.
25. 1. Mary Ellen.
26. 2. Martha Ella, md. J. G. Hodsdon, of Concord.
27. Charlotte M., b. June 18, 1823; md. Joshua A. Towne, of Keene, Nov. 26, 1846. Three children.
28. Son, b. 1825; d. March 26, 1825.
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- (17.) Moody Tucker, md., April 3, 1834, Miriam Foster, of this town; has been a life-long resident of Henniker, a selectman, and a worthy citizen.
29. Thomas F., b. Oct. 12, 1836; md., Dec. 23, 1859, Mary J. Sanborn, of this town; resides in Lawrence, Mass., where he is an extensive dealer in wood and coal, and is a very energetic business man.
30. 1. Henry A. C., b. Oct. 29, 1868.
31. Emily M., b. Oct. 10, 1834; d. June 10, 1838.

- (18.) Horace Tucker, md., March 28, 1832, Mary C. Dow, of Weare; resided where his son Greeley now resides. A very worthy townsman. He d. April 15, 1866, and his widow md. Burton Wadsworth.
32. Lucy M., b. Nov. 2, 1832; md. — Philbrick.
 33. Charlotte, b. July 1, 1835; md. Wm. Smith.
 34. Eliza J., b. Dec. 21, 1837; md. W. B. Barnes.
 35. Greeley D., b. May 4, 1844.
 36. Orlando H., b. 1852; d. Sept. 6, 1852.
 37. John S., b. March 15, 1855.
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- (15.) Abram Morrison Tucker, md., April 10, 1824, Lucinda, dau. of Samuel and Mary Tucker Eastman; was a stone-mason by trade, and built the stone house in which his widow still resides. He d. April 8, 1848.
38. George W., b. Aug. 26, 1825.
 39. Lucinda, b. Aug. 4, 1827; d. Sept. 26, 1829.
 40. Martha J., b. Sept. 9, 1829; d. May 20, 1847.
 41. Almira, b. Jan. 20, 1832.
 42. Edna A., b. March 20, 1834; d. Aug. 25, 1849.
 43. Adaline, b. Sept. 14, 1836; md. Jewett Scribner; d. Sept. 26, 1866.
 44. Edson, b. Jan. 2, 1840; enlisted in 9th Michigan Cavalry during the war, and has not been heard from since.
 45. Samuel E., b. April 1, 1843; a soldier.
 46. Madison C., b. Jan. 19, 1845; d. Dec. 4, 1847.
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1. Lieut. John Tucker, was here early in the settlement of the town, and resided where A. W. Connor and his son live; he was b. Jan. 10, 1760, and md., 1791, Elizabeth Lucas, who was b. Jan. 14, 1767. He d. April 3, 1847; his wife d. Jan. 29, 1839.
2. John, b. Dec. 20, 1792; md., May 9, 1821, Mary Warde, of this town; removed to Monroe, Ohio.
3. Daniel L., b. July 13, 1794; md., March 6, 1823, Polly Phillips.
4. Ezra, b. June 2, 1796.
5. David, b. June 15, 1798; md., Oct. 8, 1829, Clarissa Patten, of this town; resided upon the homestead until 1840, when he removed to Ohio; was one of the selectmen of the town in 1841, '42, and '43; several children were born here, but there is no record of them.
6. Thurza, b. June 3, 1800; d. Oct. 28, 1804.

7. Cyrus, b. Sept. 30, 1802; md., Sept. 11, 1834, Betsey Gordon, of this town; he resided mostly in Ohio; several children born here.
 8. 1. Samuel, resides in Hopkinton.
 9. 2. George W., resides in Bradford.
 10. 3. Elizabeth.
 11. Eliza, b. Feb. 16, 1805; md. Samuel Gordon.
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1. Thomas B. Tucker, son of Caleb and Dorothy Tucker, b. in Wilmot, Aug. 7, 1830; was at one time landlord of the hotel here; md. Susan R. Clark; resides in Peterborough; has taken high rank as a hotel-keeper.
 2. George S., b. July 12, 1858.
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3. Charles W. Tucker, brother of Thomas, b. in Wilmot, March 9, 1828; has resided here many years; carpenter: collector of taxes in 1878.
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4. Willie Tucker, nephew of Charles, b. Nov. 20, 1858.
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TYLER.

This family was at one time quite numerous in this town. Adonijah and Jephthah came from Marlboro', Mass., and were here before 1768. The family was all gone from the town before this century. They lived in the south-west part of the township.

1. Adonijah, md. Mary —.
 2. James, b. April 12, 1760. †
 3. Rachel, b. Mar. 2, 1762. 4. Miriam, b. Mar. 22, 1764.
 5. Jeremiah, b. Abr. 9, 1766. 6. Simeon, b. Mar. 20, 1768.
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- (2.) James Tyler, md. Sarah —, and came to this town, from Hopkinton, in 1780.
 7. Christopher G., b. in Hopkinton, July 10, 1779.
Born here.
 8. Mary, b. Dec. 13, 1781. 9. Nancy, b. June 4, 1783.
 10. John, b. June 4, 1786. 11. James, b. June 3, 1789.
 12. Loanda, b. July 18, 1791.

There is no record here of the family of Jephthah Tyler.

1. Daniel Tyler, came from Marlboro', Mass. ; md. Sally Alexander, of this town, and resided with his brother-in-law, Lieut. John Goodenow, where Mr. Martin lives. He was a soldier in the Revolution. He moved to Brownfield, Me., in 1799, where he died.
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2. Samuel Tyler, son of Daniel, was b. Feb. 25, 1797. His opportunities to attend school in his boyhood were very limited ; at the age of sixteen he enlisted as a soldier in the War of 1812 ; in 1824 he md. Elizabeth Spring, of Brownfield, Me., a lady renowned for her " clear good sense and sweetness of disposition." At the age of thirty-two he resolved to make the Argentine Republic, in South America, his business home, and laid the foundation for the very extensive business afterwards carried on by himself and others between Buenos Ayres and this country. He was the pioneer of the South American trade ; and nearly half a century ago he shipped the first cargo of wool ever brought from Buenos Ayres to an American port. This trade became a source of much wealth to him during the thirty-three years he was engaged in it. His character for veracity became so well established among the natives with whom he traded, that they were accustomed to say, "It is so, for Mr. Tyler says it is so." In 1863, he made his last voyage and returned to Brownfield, in which place and in Portland he passed the remainder of his days. He died in the latter place, Jan. 17, 1879. He did much for his adopted town, and the improvements were many that he caused to be made. His faith was shown by his works. After his death the citizens of Brownfield, in open meeting, passed a series of resolutions expressive of their sorrow at his death, one of which we insert :

Resolved, That we shall long hold in affectionate remembrance his life and labor of love.

"He rests with the immortals; his journey has been long ;
For him no wail of sorrow, but pæan full and strong :
So well and bravely has he done the work he found to do,—
To justice, freedom, duty, God, and man forever true."

WADSWORTH.

1. Lt. Samuel Wadsworth, was the son of David and Hannah Wadsworth, and was born in Grafton, Mass., Sept. 28, 1747. His father died when he was quite young,

and his mother married Dea. Joseph Merriam, of Grafton, in whose family Samuel lived until he became of age, when he came to this town and commenced a clearing upon the farm now owned by Franklin Goss. Residing here a short time, he exchanged farms with Ephraim Goss, and settled on the farm so long remaining in the Wadsworth family, and now owned by Mrs. Robert D. Rice, where he passed the remainder of his days. Mr. Wadsworth was a noble specimen of the sturdy old patriots who first settled in this township. He was a man of more than ordinary ability, and was often honored with the confidence of his fellow-citizens. He was amongst the first members of the church founded in 1769, and ever performed the duties of any position to which he was called with strict fidelity and honesty. He was represented as a powerful, athletic man; was the owner of the second horse brought into the town. Like many of the first settlers, he suffered much from the depredations of wild beasts, losing in one night, near his house, nineteen large, fine sheep. He md. Margery, dau. of Rev. Aaron Hutchinson, of Grafton, Mass., and a sister of Judge Hutchinson of that place. She was a woman of rare ability, highly educated, being conversant with several languages besides her own native English. She was a genial companion, an amiable friend, a faithful and dearly beloved mother, and lived to a ripe old age, retaining her faculties wonderfully. He d. Sept. 13, 1842; his wife d. Dec. 21, 1836. His biographer says of him,—“He was one of the first settlers of the Gospel ministry in the place, being himself a firm believer in the great doctrines of the Cross, which belief he maintained until the end, expressing in his dying moments the preciousness of Christ, and his blessed assurance of going to a better world than this. His death was peaceful, without a struggle, and his senses continued to the last.”

2. Samuel, b. July 14, 1772; md. Patty Abbott, of Bradford, and removed to Vermont, where his wife and one child died; he came back to this town and passed the remainder of his days. He d. Oct. 19, 1861; two children.
3. Aaron Hutchinson, b. Feb. 5, 1775; md. Sally Wood. He d. June 20, 1856.
4. 1. Sally, b. May 22, 1798; unmd.
5. 2. Margery, b. Sept. 19, 1801; md. Nathan Carter.
6. 3. Burton, b. Jan. 13, 1805. †

7. 4. Carleton, b. Aug. 25, 1809. +
 8. Margery, b. March 16, 1777; md. Joel Withington; removed to Danbury, where they lived and died; they had two children, Anna and Cyrus.
 9. Joanna, b. July 20, 1779; md. Bela Butler, Dec. 29, 1825.
 10. Joseph, b. Feb. 22, 1787. +
 11. David, b. June 12, 1790; unmd.
 12. Titus Vespasian, b. July 21, 1792. +

(10.) Joseph Wadsworth, md. Olive Gibson, dau. of Thaddeus, and resided upon the homestead; an influential and highly respected citizen. He d. March 20, 1859; his wife d. July 23, 1863.

13. } Twins, d. Feb. 17 and 18, 1812.
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 15. Dorothy, b. Aug. 7, 1813; md., March 22, 1848, B. Fuller.
 16. Almary, b. Oct. 3, 1815; md. Barak Colby.
 17. Joseph G., b. Jan. 16, 1821; md., Nov. 11, 1847, Mary R. Chase.

(12.) Titus Vespasian Wadsworth, md., first wife, March 21, 1816, Betsey Butler, who d. Oct. 4, 1823; and he md. second wife, Nov. 25, 1824, Susanna Warde. He lived for a while where Joshua Sanborn resides, when he removed to Franklin, where he now lives; represented the town in the legislature in 1850 and 1851; was often one of the selectmen; a large, powerful man, and a very influential citizen; his wife d. Dec. 12, 1865; she was a woman of rare character.

Children by first wife.

18. Betsey S., b. March 2, 1817.
 19. Elzada, b. Feb. 15, 1820; d. July 23, 1822.
 20. Elzada L., b. June 28, 1823; d. Sept. 2, 1823.

Children by second wife.

21. Titus H., b. Feb. 18, 1826; lives in Franklin.
 22. George G., b. Jan. 2, 1828; " "
 23. Susan M., b. Dec. 13, 1829.
 24. William B., b. July 8, 1832.
 25. Caroline S., b. Jan. 4, 1835; taught five terms in public schools when fifteen and sixteen years of age; attended the academy in this town, Meriden, and Franklin; united with the Congregational church in Franklin, in 1856; graduated at Mt. Holyoke Female

Seminary, at South Hadley, Mass., in 1859, after a four years course ; taught school in nineteen different towns ; was preceptress of Andover Academy two years ; in the fall of 1860 was invited to become the principal of the Ladies' Boarding School, Derry ; studied medicine, and attended lectures at Boston Female Medical college ; md., Nov. 12, 1860, Rev. John V. Haley, author of the " Examination of the Alleged Discrepancies of the Bible," &c. ; resides in Tyngsborough, Mass. ; is a lady of much ability, and a fluent public speaker ; is the mother of eight children, four now living.

26. Mary L., b. May 7, 1836 ; pursued a preparatory course of study in this town and in Franklin ; united with the Congregational church in Franklin at the age of fifteen ; graduated at Mt. Holyoke Female Seminary, at South Hadley, Mass., in 1861 ; taught one term at Grafton, and was preceptress of the academy at Lancaster ; studied medicine with Dr. Tracy, of Andover, Mass., and other practitioners ; was in the " Boston Hospital for Women and Children" one year ; six months in a similar hospital in Philadelphia ; graduated first in her class, in 1867, from the Female Medical College, Philadelphia ; settled in Springfield, Mass., where she soon acquired a large practice : was a teacher in the Sabbath-school, and active in the temperance cause. In 1871 she was invited to become teacher and physician at Mt. Holyoke Female Seminary, but at the urgent request of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, she went to Constantinople to labor among the Mohammedans. She acquired the Osmanlee language, and practised medicine in the harem of the viceroy of the sultan, and in other harems ; her practise was restricted somewhat, as she found the Turks almost inaccessible, and it was confined mostly to the Missionary families, the Armenians, and the Bulgarians ; failing in health, she resigned her position, and took a trip into the mountain regions of Asia Minor ; in Brousa she became acquainted with Dr. John Bassian, a protestant, and a graduate of Michigan University, and they were married in 1873 ; they reside at Brousa, East Turkey, where both still practise medicine. She is the mother of two children, one living. She is a remarkable instance of a self-made woman, a superior lady, and faithful Christian. Mrs. Dr. Bliss, of Constantinople,

- said of her,—“ Dr. Wadsworth will do good wherever she is.”
27. Franklin C., b. March 21, 1839; at the breaking out of the civil war he enlisted in Co. E, Berdan's Sharpshooters; promoted to sergeant. His biographer says of him,—“ Burning with truest patriotism in his country's crisis of danger, he flew to her defence. Fearlessly, unflinchingly, and heroically he discharged his duty, until, smitten by wasting disease, he sought his home among the Granite hills, only to die in the embrace of friends. He died as only a Christian can die. He left a young and loving wife, together with parents, brothers, and sisters, to mourn his early death.”
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- (6.) Burton Wadsworth, md., first wife, Oct. 4, 1832, Sophia Gove, who d. March 22, 1869, and he md., second wife, Mrs. Horace Tucker; he lived in this town most of his life; he d. Feb. 24, 1877.
28. Augustus B., b. July 22, 1834; md., May 13, 1869, Mary E. Davis, of Warner; resides at Contoocook; machinist.
29. 1. Natt B., b. Aug. 15, 1875.
30. Harriet, b. Nov. 16, 1838; d. May 22, 1861.
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- (7.) Carlton Wadsworth, md. Mary F. Russell, of Newport; resided in this town most of his days; he d. Oct. 14, 1868, and his widow md. G. W. Cogswell.
31. Edwin C., b. July 4, 1838; md. Harriet Dodge of this town; tanner and carrier; lives in Iowa, and is an extensive farmer; has several children.
32. William H., b. Jan. 14, 1839. [See Roll of Honor.]
33. Mary A., b. Nov. 9, 1840; md. Charles Gove.
34. Maria, b. Sept. 6, 1846; md. Worcester Felch.
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WALLACE.

1. Thomas Wallace, was born near Burt Mills, in the north part of Ireland, in 1673; died in Londonderry, N. H., Aug. 22, 1754. He married, 1704, Barbary Cochran, born in 1677, and died Sept. 2, 1771. The parents of Thomas came from Scotland to Ireland about 1619. Thomas came to Londonderry, N. H., in 1732, and was married, Dec. 18, 1742, by Rev. Mr. Davidson, of that

town, to Mary, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Fulton) Wilson, who were married in Ireland. Mary was known as "Ocean-born Mary," having been born on the passage to this country, July 28, 1720. Her father died in Boston soon after landing. His widow brought the child Mary to Londonderry, where they had land laid out to them by reason of the father's being a grantee of the town. The mother married James Clark, great-great-grandparent of Horace Greeley. The child Mary resided with the family until her marriage, in 1742; her mother died in 1732. Tradition says, that in 1720 a company of emigrants, on their passage from Ireland to this country, were captured by pirates, and while in their hands as prisoners Mrs. Wilson was delivered of her first child, which so moved the pirate band, and particularly the captain, who had a wife and family, that he permitted the emigrants to proceed on their voyage, bestowing upon Mrs. Wilson many valuable presents, mostly articles of wearing apparel, among which was a valuable silk dress, pieces of which are still retained by her descendants as memorials of her peril and of her deliverance from piratical hands. The pirate captain obtained a promise from Mrs. Wilson that she would name the child Mary, for his wife, that being her name. This signal deliverance from the pirates was commemorated during a generation by the annual observance of a day of thanksgiving by the people of Londonderry. "Ocean-born Mary" resided in this town many of the last years of her life, and died Feb. 13, 1814. She was buried in the centre burying-ground, amidst many of her descendants. She was represented as being quite tall, resolute, and determined; of strong mind, quick of comprehension, sharp in her conversation, with a strong brogue, and full of humor; was of florid complexion, bright eyes, and elegant in her manners to the last of her life. Her younger life experience was wonderful in toils and hardships; but her last years were sunny and happy. There were born to James and Mary Wallace four sons.

2. Thomas, b. Nov. 5, 1745.
3. Robert, b. Sept. 5, 1749. †
4. William, b. Jan. 17, 1760 †
5. James, b. May 8, 1762. †

(3.) Hon. Robert Wallace, md., first wife, Jannette, dau. of Robert and Mary Moore, of Londonderry, Feb. 5, 1776, and came immediately to this town, where he had lived

mostly for the two preceding years, and settled in the south-west part of it, where Mr. Dowling resides. He at once became one of the leading men of the town; and during the dark hours of the Revolution his voice and his counsel were ever in request. To him, perhaps, more than to any other one person, was the town indebted for the promptness with which all demands upon it, whether for men or for supplies, were met. Dec. 6, 1782, he was chosen to represent this town and Hillsborough for a term of two years in the legislature of the state, and was reëlected in 1784 for another two years. He was selectman from 1779 to 1791 inclusive, save three years, and was chairman of the board ten years. He was one of the councillors of the state from 1788 to 1803, a period of fourteen years. In 1791 he was a delegate from this town to the convention to frame a constitution for the state. In this convention he was chosen one of a committee of ten to take into consideration the constitution that had been prepared at that session, and to prepare and report, at an adjourned session, the alterations and amendments to be submitted to the people. In that convention were some of the ablest men of the state; and the position to which Mr. Wallace was appointed was a testimony of the high regard in which he was held by the members of that convention. In 1803 he was appointed a judge of the Court of Common Pleas for Hillsborough county, to which this town still belonged, a position he held until 1813. He d. Jan. 30, 1815, aged 65 years. The following notice of him, which appeared in print after his death, indicates the respect in which he was held by his fellow-citizens:

“It is but a tribute justly due to his memory to say, that, in addition to an uncommon fidelity and a fund of good sense, he possessed an excellent natural disposition. Always happy in the felicity of others and wounded in their woes, after justifying the confidence of his fellow-citizens for many years, as representative, senator, councillor, and judge, in succession, he bid adieu to the world in calm resignation to the will of Heaven, and with an unsullied reputation. In his death the state has lost a worthy citizen; religion, a friend; his wife, a kind-hearted husband; his children, an indulgent father; and his connections, an affectionate relative.”

He was the possessor of a large and highly-cultivated estate in the south-west part of the town, upon which he erected one of those noble mansions of the olden time, around whose hearthstone every one was made welcome, and whose hospitality was unbounded. Although in

public life continually for nearly a third of a century, his home and its inmates were never forgotten. There his brightest traits of character were shown, and his best humor, with his broad Scotch accent, was exhibited. No one was turned from his door, but all alike were welcome. As he rode to church, and upon other occasions, in almost royal style, everybody did him homage, and all received from him a pleasant recognition in return. At his death, the whole population of Henniker were sincere mourners, for the town had lost one of its most upright and most honored citizens. With a kind word for all, when living, all essayed to do him just reverence when dead. His first wife d. Aug. 1, 1794, when he was in the height of his popularity, and he felt her loss most keenly. He md., second wife, Mrs. Betsey Eaton, of Weare. His children were by his first wife. But very few of his descendants are now living; and his once noble mansion, so redolent with pure happiness, is fast passing to decay.

6. James, b. Nov. 29, 1776.+
7. Robert Moore, b. Jan. 6, 1779.+
8. Mary, b. March 1, 1781; d. Sept. 16, 1783.
9. Thomas, b. March 12, 1783.+
10. William, b. April 19, 1785; d. March 20, 1813. [See Accidents.]
21. John, b. Aug. 35, 1787; d. April 16, 1790.
12. John, b. April 19, 1790; d. April 21, 1799.
13. Mary, b. Aug. 8, 1792; md. Peter Patterson. Through the kindness and liberality of Mr. William C. Patterson, I am enabled to present an engraving of Mrs. Patterson and her husband. I give the following tribute to her from an obituary published immediately after her death:

In this village [Mt. Morris, Livingston county, N. Y.], of paralysis, on the morning of the 7th inst., in the 87th year of her age, Mrs. Mary W., widow of the late Peter Patterson. Born in Henniker, N. H., where she spent the early part of her life, Mrs. P., with her husband and children, removed to the town of Perry in the year 1829. In 1845 the family removed to Leicester, and in 1853 to Warsaw. While living at Warsaw, Mr. and Mrs. Patterson celebrated their golden wedding, a large circle of relatives and friends gathering to present to them their congratulations on that occasion. Not long after this, Mr. Patterson died while on a visit to his daughter in this place, in February, 1865. The home being thus broken up, Mrs. Patterson soon removed to this village, where, in the home

of her daughter, she has been most tenderly cared for up to the day of her death. She leaves three children, Mr. Wm. C. Patterson and Mrs. S. B. Woods, both of Canada, and Mrs. E. J. H. Harding, of this village, together with a large circle of relatives, whose pleasure it will be long to cherish her memory. Wherever she has lived her presence has been a blessing in the family, in the neighborhood, and in the church. Possessing a mind of rare intelligence and culture, and a warm, loving heart, retaining the use of her faculties up to the last, her long life of more than fourscore years has, to an unusual degree, been filled with usefulness. Early in life she gave her heart to Christ, and therefore to His rich grace will we give all the praise for the excellent character which she has developed. The sufferings incident to old age she has borne with fortitude and sweet Christian resignation, seeming more thoughtful of others than of herself, even while she was suffering. Her funeral was largely attended at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Hugh Harding of this village, the remains being taken to Warsaw to be laid by the side of her departed husband.

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- (4.) William Wallace, md., March 18, 1790, Hannah Moore, dau. of Robert and Mary Moore, of Londonderry, and settled in this town, where he had been a resident several years previous; here he cleared a large tract of land, now and for so many years known as the "town poor-farm," upon which he erected large and substantial buildings. He acquired a high reputation as a stock-raiser, particularly of horses and cattle. In early life he learned the trade of making large and small wheels for spinning wool and flax, which occupation he followed until the introduction of other machinery for that purpose. He excelled as a teacher, governing quietly but wisely, and always secured the respect and attention of his pupils. Included in his education was a thorough and practical knowledge of surveying. He assisted in surveying this town, and made a map of the same, now in the Secretary of State's office, in pursuance of a law requiring the same; he was for many years the principal surveyor and conveyancer for this and many adjacent towns. As a justice he was often called upon to execute the "last will and testament" of friends and acquaintances in this town and vicinity. He represented Henniker in the legislature in 1789-'90, before his marriage, and was at one time a candidate for senator from his district, but failed of an election. He was for many years one of the selectmen of the town, and often presided as moderator at meetings of the town.

He was a man of commanding presence and dignified appearance,—six feet and four inches in height, and weighing, in manhood's prime, 240 pounds. His mental faculties were proportioned to his stature and physical strength. It is related of his brother, Judge Robert Wallace, that, while erecting his house, the rooms of which were, for those days, very high-studded, he was asked his reason for their height, when he replied,—“One reason is, my brother William is very tall, and as I want him to visit me, I have the rooms made high.” Possessed of great reasoning powers and superior judgment, he was always actuated by high moral principles and honest, manly purposes in all his dealings. In his conversation he was very fluent and affable, and in public was always listened to with marked attention. He lived a life of usefulness, and was much endeared to all who knew him as a man of integrity, and purity of principle and purpose. He died very suddenly, from the effects of a wound received while felling trees in the woods, in what is known as “Wallace swamp,” several miles from his house. His estimable wife was his equal in education, refinement, and rectitude. Both were friends to the poor and friendless, the widow and the orphan, and none knew them but to love and respect them. He d. March 22, 1824; his wife d. Oct. 27, 1833.

14. Jennie, b. Jan. 16, 1791; md., March 14, 1816, Moses Codman, of Hillsborough; d. Feb. 12, 1826.
15. Infant, b. Jan. 9, 1793; d. same day.
16. William, Jr., b. May 14, 1794.†
17. Mary, b. May 31, 1796; md., Dec. 31, 1818, Benjamin Gove, of Deering.
18. Robert, b. May 19, 1798; d. April 19, 1800.
19. Robert, b. June 8, 1800; d. May 21, 1825.
20. Hannah, b. June 14, 1802; md., Nov. 24, 1835, Enoch Cilley, of Deering.
21. James, b. July 25, 1804.†
22. Elizabeth P., b. July 27, 1806; md., March 4, 1830, Ephraim Morrill.
23. Anna, b. July 7, 1808; was a teacher; d. Nov. 8, 1834; unmd.
24. Thomas, b. Feb. 25, 1811.†

(5.) James Wallace, son of James, md., 1785, Anna, dau. of Robert and Mary Moore, and sister of the wives of his brothers Robert and William, and settled upon the farm

now owned in part by John F. Perry, where he had resided some time prior to his marriage. James, like his brothers, was a valuable citizen during his short life, and was possessed of those noble traits of character which actuated them. He d. Dec. 22, 1794, at the age of 32.

25. James. 26. John; both died young.

(6.) James Wallace, md., March 31, 1799, Susanna, dau. of Capt. Jonas and Susanna Bowman, of Henniker. He was one of the first merchants of the town, in a small house that stood on the site of the late brick building so long occupied as a store; he also erected a portion of the building now used as a hotel, and in which he kept the first public house in the village. The same uprightness of character that actuated his father was his. He d. March 6, 1812; his widow md. Dr. William Dinsmore, of this town; she d. Jan. 11, 1856.

27. James, b. 1800; d. July 16, 1827.
 28. Robert, b. May 10, 1802.†
 29. Jonas, b. April 20, 1803.†
 30. John, b. Dec. 18, 1804; d. Feb. 28, 1826.
 31. Mary, b. 1805; md. — Chapin; had one daughter (Susan W.), who resided in this town, and d. May 3, 1849.
 32. Jennette, b. 1807; d. April 19, 1829.
 33. Susan, b. July 24, 1810; md. J. Proctor Darling.

(7.) Capt. Robert M. Wallace, md., Dec. 20, 1810, Jane Fullerton, dau. of Rev. William Morrison, of Londonderry. Capt. Wallace was one of the prominent military men of his day; was one of the early merchants of the town, and was proprietor of the first grist- and saw-mill at the upper falls in the village. He resided many years where C. H. Courser now lives. He represented the town in the legislature in 1820, '24, '26, and '28, and was an influential legislator. He was often honored with positions of trust by his fellow-townsmen. He was genial, warm-hearted, and generous; and he will live long in the memory of those who had the good fortune to know him. He d. Oct. 12, 1846; his wife d. Nov. 28, 1866.

34. William M., b. Jan. 12, 1812; d. March 17, 1813.
 35. Mary Ann M., b. Feb. 13, 1821; d. May 24, 1837.

(9.) Thomas Wallace, md., June 11, 1810, Susan, dau. of Zaddock and Susan (Howe) Bowman; was a merchant, and

resided in Goffstown. He d. Nov. 27, 1825; his widow md., May, 1835, William Moore, of Goffstown, now deceased.

36. Albert, b. Dec. 24, 1811; has been a merchant, and for several years past a clerk in the U. S. Treasury Department at Washington; md., 1861, Mary Sabrano, of St. Mary, Mich.; no issue.
37. Robert, b. Jan. 7, 1814; d. in California, Sept. 28, 1853; unmd.
38. Thomas, b. Jan. 26, 1816; a printer by occupation; md. Frances Starbird, of Claremont. He d. Nov. 27, 1875; two children.
39. Jane M., b. July 7, 1818; d. Oct. 4, 1835.
40. William, b. May 26, 1819; was a tailor by occupation; md. Emily Fitzgerald, of Nantucket, Mass.; he d. March 18, 1850.
41. Susan E., b. March 12, 1822; md., Oct., 1849, William P. Cressey.

(16.) William Wallace, Jr., md., Oct. 28, 1819, Sarah Folsom, of Deering; lived with his father a while after his marriage; then removed to Bradford, where he resided several years; then came back to this town, where he d. April 30, 1837.

(21.) James Wallace, md., Nov. 2, 1832, Jane, dau. of Ephraim and Lucy Morrill, of this town. He lived on the old homestead, tilling the soil and following the occupation of a drover, until 1845, when he removed to Malden, Mass.; in 1849 he went to California, where he lived most of the time until 1856, when he settled in Deering, where he d. April 9, 1875.

42. Mary Augusta, b. Dec. 28, 1832; unmd.
43. Amanda Melissa, b. Dec. 28, 1832; unmd.
44. George, b. Dec. 22, 1835; lives in Boston.
45. James Henry, b. Feb. 8, 1838; lives in Ohio.
46. Robert, b. March 9, 1840; lives in California.
47. John, b. June 4, 1843.

(24.) Thomas Wallace, son of William, md., Jan. 14, 1836, Lucy Morrill, sister of the wife of his brother James. He d. Feb. 25, 1843, and his widow md., second husband, Dec. 21, 1848, Samuel Rolfe, of Hillsborough.

48. William.

- (28.) Robert Wallace, md., June, 1825, Caroline, dau. of Elias and Sally Gould, of this town; was a merchant, filled various town offices with much ability, and was deputy sheriff for many years. He d. Aug. 31, 1854; his wife d. April 18, 1873.
49. James, b. Oct. 7, 1827; md.; lives in New York city; has several children; two sons dead.
50. Caroline, b. Dec. 18, 1828; unmd.
51. Jennette M., b. Nov. 20, 1832; unmd.
52. Robert, b. Aug. 16, 1834; assistant engineer in the navy many years; lives in Brooklyn, N. Y.
53. Gould, b. Sept. 22, 1838.
54. William, b. June 28, 1843; was in the navy during the war of the Rebellion.
55. John, b. June 25, 1849.
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- (29.) Jonas Wallace, md., first wife, Nov. 26, 1821, Nancy, dau. of Hon. Joshua and Polly (Proctor) Darling, of this town. He was a merchant most of his days, and erected the three-story brick block in 1826 that was burned in February, 1876; for several years he was commanding officer of the cavalry belonging to the 26th regiment; represented the town in the legislature in 1858 and 1859. He was an upright and valuable citizen, and enjoyed the confidence and respect of his fellow-townsmen to a great degree. His first wife died April 29, 1841; and he md., second wife, June 7, 1842, Mary Darling, sister of his first wife Nancy. He d. March 21, 1877.

Children by first wife.

56. Annette, b. May 30, 1822; md. Edward Richards, of Roxbury, Mass., Sept. 17, 1845.
57. 1. Carrie F.; md. James Atwell.
58. James, b. Oct. 10, 1823; d. Sept. 20, 1825.
59. Helen Maria, b. Jan. 12, 1825; md. Cyrus N. Campbell.
60. John, b. Dec. 22, 1827; d. Sept. 26, 1829.
61. Mary Darling, b. April 16, 1832; teacher; unmd.
62. Elizabeth Ballantine, b. Jan. 4, 1836; unmd.

Children by second wife.

63. Frederick Cleaveland, b. March 11, 1844; d. Sept. 1, 1845.
64. Robert Moore, b. May 2, 1847; graduated at Dartmouth college, 1867; read law in the office of Hon. Mason W. Tappan, of Bradford; established himself



Jonas Wallace

in the practise of law at Milford, as associate partner with Hon. Bainbridge Wadleigh; represented the town of Milford in part in the legislatures of 1877 and 1878; md., August, 1874, Ella M. Hutchinson, of Milford.

65. 1. Edward Darling, b. June 19, 1875.
 66. 2. Infant, }
 67. 3. Infant, } b. Jan. 12, 1878; d.
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WARDE.

This was one of the oldest and most widely extended families that settled in this town.

1. William Warde, was in Sudbury, Mass., in 1639; he came from England that year, the family living in Yorkshire and Denham counties, England. William and others were given a large tract of land in Sudbury upon which to found a new home. A portion of this land afterwards was included in Marlborough, from which Westborough was taken. William Warde md. Elizabeth —, and one of their fourteen children, b. Sept. 24, 1641, was
 2. Samuel, who md. Sarah Howe. 3. Joseph, their son, b. 1670, md. Abiah Wheelock, of Marlborough.
 4. Phinehas, one of their sons, was b. in Marlborough, Mass., Oct. 5, 1705; md. Mary —; lived in Marlborough.
 5. Josiah, b. Sept. 4, 1741.†
 6. Phinehas, b. April 27, 1744.†
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- (5.) Capt. Josiah Warde, md., Dec. 3, 1761, Sarah Goodell, of Marlborough, Mass.; came to this town in 1764, and settled in the valley back of A. D. L. F. Connor's present residence: assisted in laying out the first roads in the township in 1765; first sexton of the town; member of the first church formed here, and was often in positions of honor and trust. [See Early Settlers.] He was commissioned captain of 8th Co., 15th Reg. state militia, March 1, 1774. He d. Feb. 27, 1795.

Born in Marlborough, Mass.

7. Jesse, b. June 8, 1762.†
 Born in Henniker.
8. Molly, b. Nov. 3, 1765; d. Jan. 15, 1794; unmd.
9. Elizabeth, b. Nov. 17, 1767; md. George Talbot; resided in Athol, Mass., where she d. 1838; five children.

10. Josiah, b. Sept. 15, 1769.+
 11. Sarah, b. June 15, 1771; md. Owen Cooper; resided in Granville, N. Y., where she d. in 1832.
 12. Persis, b. May 28, 1773; d. March 17, 1794.
 13. Hannah, b. June 28, 1775; md., 1796, Moses Peabody, of Newport; mother of eight children.
 14. Lucy, b. Oct. 26, 1777; md. Aaron Childs.
 15. Solomon, b. Oct. 2, 1779; graduated at Union college, Schenectady, N. Y., in 1803; studied law at Baltimore, Md., and was admitted to the bar in that city; commenced preaching in 1818. After preaching in different places in New England he removed to Kentucky, and but little was known of him afterwards.
 16. Levina, b. June 26, 1781; d. Sept. 13, 1784.
 17. Abigail, b. July 25, 1783; md. Josiah Childs.
 18. Elisha, b. 1785; d. Aug. 10, 1807.
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- (6.) Phinehas Warde, md., Sept. 17, 1766, Dorothy Osgood, of Sutton, Mass., and settled immediately after in this town, upon the farm now owned and occupied by James B. Brown. He resided here until 1796, when he removed to Canada, where he passed the remainder of his days.
19. Joseph, b. Feb. 23, 1768.
 20. Thomas, b. May 18, 1772.
 21. Phinehas, b. June 21, 1774.
 22. Aaron, b. Apr. 8, 1776.
- Several children b. in Canada.
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- (7.) Jesse Warde, md., 1790, Susanna Booth, of Hillsborough; lived with his father a while; then where Alonzo Patterson and his son reside. He d. Aug. 10, 1809; his wife d. Sept. 26, 1809.
23. Elizabeth, b. May 12, 1791; md. David Hardy.
 24. Sarah, b. Nov. 16, 1792; md., Dec. 27, 1812, William Brackett, of Hillsborough; removed to Colebrook; eight children.
 25. Susanna, b. April 29, 1795; md. Titus V. Wadsworth.
 26. Jesse, b. Oct. 28, 1796.+
 27. George B., b. March 8, 1798; d. March 15, 1817.
 28. Polly, b. March 10, 1800; md. John Tucker, May, 1821.
 29. Solomon, b. Nov. 7, 1803; md. Lydia Ellis, of Thetford, Vt.; removed to Ohio.
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- (10.) Josiah Warde, md., 1794, Betsey Hoyt, of Dunbarton; resided in this town until 1807, when he removed to

- Croydon, where he d. His wife d. May 26, 1845. Children all b. here but three last.
30. Sally, b. Oct. 15, 1795; md. Gideon Gould, 1838.
31. David, b. Nov. 26, 1796; was a physician; lived in New York a while, then settled in Adrian, Mich.; removed to Illinois, where he d.
32. Josiah, b. Jan. 28, 1798; lawyer; resided a while in Adrian, Mich., then removed to Nevada; d. in 1865.
33. Calvin, b. Dec. 12, 1799; d. in 1814.
34. Elisha, b. Feb. 15, 1802; d. Aug. 10, 1807.
35. Elizabeth, b. Nov. 23, 1803.
36. Thomas, b. July 11, 1805.
37. Alfred, b. Feb. 7, 1807. 38. Daniel. 39. Gilbert.
40. Levina.
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(26.) Capt. Jesse Warde, md., 1818. Sally M. Nichols, of Hopkinton; resided with his father on the homestead. The best orchard in town, about this time, was upon this farm. Apples, pears, peaches, and plums were raised in great abundance. Mr. Warde was a hatter by trade, and worked in a little shop near the clothing-mill at West Henniker. He undertook at one time the manufacture of silk, and with this end in view set out a large orchard of mulberry-trees upon his farm, and secured a large number of silk-worms. He succeeded in reeling quite an amount of silk from the cocoons, some of which was spun and woven into useful articles; but the want of proper machinery for this purpose rendered the expense greater than the income, and he abandoned it. In after years his orchard was demolished. Among others who undertook this enterprise was David Cogswell, who had at one time one room of his house full of silk-worms. Capt. Warde was at one time proprietor of the hotel on the south side of the river, and was an officer in the state militia. He d. May 15, 1838; his wife d. Aug. 1, 1851.

41. William, b. Nov. 1, 1819; d. Oct. 30, 1828.
42. George B., b. Oct. 18, 1821; md., first wife, Phebe Tracy, of Keene, who d. March 25, 1852; md., second wife, Clara Dutton, of Hillsborough. He was many years proprietor of the stage line from Concord through here to Keene, and was for many years the driver. Upon the completion of the Contoocook Valley Railroad he was appointed conductor, which position he held until his death. He was universally respected for his worth. He d. Oct. 12, 1859.

43. i. Daughter, b. in Hillsborough.
 44. Mary Ann, b. 1825; d. March 3, 1844.
 45. Jesse G., b. April 15, 1826; d. Oct. 24, 1850.
 46. David Andrew, b. Feb. 1, 1828.†
 47. Jesse G., b. March 25, 1830; resided in Wisconsin.
 48. William, b. April 15, 1832; d. Jan. 17, 1852, in Sacramento, Cal.
 49. Charles H., b. May 11, 1834; resides in the West.
 50. Sarah Jane, b. April 17, 1836; d. April 2, 1854.
 51. Caroline, b. Dec. 30, 1838.
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52. Windsor Warde, another descendant of William, through Samuel,² Samuel,³ Ephraim,⁴ Ephraim,⁵ Josiah,⁶ was b. in Southborough, Mass., Feb. 12, 1778. He md., June 9, 1804, Mary Gulliker, of Marlborough, Mass., for first wife: came to this town in 1805, and settled near the late residence of Levi P. Davis. After several years' residence there he came to the village, and resided a while; then settled in the north part of the town, near "Mount Misery." He was a plough-maker by trade, and in his later life a butcher and drover. He was a powerful, athletic man, and was at one time the champion wrestler of this town. His favorite way of wrestling was at "arm's length," and being quick in his motions, it required a powerful antagonist to throw him from the wrestling-ring. His first wife d. May 31, 1826, and he md., second wife, Eunice Sargent, of Warner, who d. April 13, 1872. He d. July 20, 1855.
53. John G., b. Dec. 15, 1805.
 54. Alfred A., b. Oct. 30, 1807; resides in Peabody, Mass.; one son, post-master there.
 55. Henry B., b. Sept. 28, 1809; an energetic business man; resides in Cambridge, Mass.
 56. Hollis M., b. Dec. 15, 1811; d. March, 1817.
 57. Jane B., b. June 7, 1813; d. Dec. 10, 1830.
 58. Infant, b. 1815; d. Aug. 7, 1815.
 59. Caroline A., b. Aug. 5, 1817; md. Wm. Lord; resides at Danvers, Mass.
 60. Brigham, b. Dec. 8, 1819.
 61. Elizabeth, b. Nov. 28, 1821.
 62. Franklin, b. Jan. 28, 1823.
 63. Emerson, b. March 31, 1825.
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64. Ebenezer Warde, a descendant of William, son of Obediah, was a carpenter by trade, and resided where Henry A.

Davis lives; md. Nancy Sargent, of Bradford; he d. June 6, 1842.

65. Lyndon S., b. June 14, 1809.
 66. Betsey, b. Feb. 19, 1811; d. Feb. 22, 1853.
 67. Laura, b. Aug. 29, 1813; md. E. Hemphill.
 68. Nancy, b. Dec. 10, 1816; d. July 3, 1843.
 69. Dighton, b. Nov. 13, 1827; d. Oct. 14, 1845.
 70. Mary A., md. A. A. Moore, April 1, 1849.
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71. Abner Warde, another descendant of William, resided here at one time; md. Polly Davis, of Sutton; he d. May, 1841.

72. Patty, b. Nov. 1, 1798; md. David Gilmore.
 73. Susan, b. 1803; md. Nathan G. Hoit.
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74. Benjamin Warde, son of Peter Warde, of Somers, Ct., resided here at one time; he md., Nov. 12, 1807, Abigail Wood, of this town; removed to Wisconsin. Five children.

75. James M. Warde, son of James and Sally Warde, was b. in Bradford, July 11, 1819; learned the trade of tinman here; resided here many years; lives in Lake Village; third wife; no children; deputy sheriff several years.

76. Horace J. Warde, son of James and Sally Warde, was b. in Bradford, Aug. 15, 1827; md. Almira B. Bowman, of this town, March 21, 1850; resided in Bradford and in Henniker; d. here April 26, 1874.

77. Ida E., b. Aug. 23, 1853; md. John W. Jackman.
 78. Edgar H., b. July 20, 1855; md., Oct. 25, 1879, Sarah A. Spooner.
 79. Walter J. A., b. Feb. 11, 1858; md., April 8, 1879, Mabel Bailey.
 80. 1. Daughter, b. Jan. 10, 1880.
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(46.) David Andrew Warde, became a notable instance of a self-made man, fighting the battles of life bravely after the age of thirteen, when he obtained a brief academic education at Hopkinton, under the instruction of Prof. Ballard. At the age of fifteen, he went to Concord and

found employment in an eating-saloon, which business he followed but a few months. Locking the saloon, upon the last night of his engagement, and handing the key to the proprietor, he said, "I will never sell another glass of liquor while I live: I shall seek new business to-morrow." He immediately entered the hardware store of Porter & Rolfe, of Concord, where he remained until March, 1852, when, in company with a partner, he became the owner of the stock of the store where he had been employed, the partnership lasting until 1855, when it was dissolved. Mr. Warde continued in business alone until 1858, when he became associated with an intimate friend, who survived him in the business. As the head of this business house, Mr. Warde achieved an enviable reputation as a business man, and was widely known, not only in this but in other states, as an active and enterprising man, who achieved success by industry and well-directed application. He represented Ward 5, Concord, in the legislatures of 1867 and 1868, and his senatorial district in the years 1872 and 1873, the last year serving as president of the senate with marked ability. He was one of the water commissioners of Concord several years. He was ever foremost with his aid in every movement that tended for the public welfare. Mr. Warde married, Nov. 12, 1852, Martha, daughter of Perley Cleaves, of Concord. His domestic relations were of the happiest character, he being a kind, indulgent, and thoughtful husband, father, and neighbor. He died Thursday, May 14, 1874, of pneumonia, having been ill but nine days. His funeral was largely attended, some of the most prominent gentlemen in the state being present; and, as a mark of the high esteem in which he was held, all places of business were closed during the solemn ceremonies of his burial. He was followed to his last resting-place by a long line of friends, and his remains were tenderly laid to rest, with the choicest flowers around them and the opening spring verdure above them, typical of the life immortal that awaits those who sleep well "after life's fitful fever." Mr. Warde became a member of the First Baptist church in Concord, in 1852, and was ever after an upright and devoted Christian. He was also a member of Eureka Lodge and Trinity Chapter of Masons. He reflected much honor on the town that sent him forth; and in his death his native town, as well as his adopted city and the state, suffered a great loss.



J. Webster

WATKINS.

1. Ruggles S. Watkins, was a saddler by trade, and came to this town in 1829; he worked in a little red shop that stood where the back part of O. H. Noyes's store now stands. The family moved to Lowell in 1840.
 2. Abigail Ann, b. March 17, 1831.
 3. Hilina Ophelia, b. May 6, 1833.
 4. Mary Stiles, b. Oct. 23, 1835.
 5. John Calef, b. Dec. 28, 1841; became a physician.
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WEBSTER.

1. Col. John Webster, son of John, was b. in Wales, Aug. 9, 1714, and settled in Chester, this state, in 1735; opened the first store in that town about 1750; was very active during the Revolution.
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2. Samuel Webster, son of Col. John Webster, was b. in Chester, Feb. 15, 1757; md. Hannah Robie, of Chester; resided in Goffstown; thence removed to Newport.
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3. John Webster, son of Samuel, was b. in Goffstown in 1782; went to Newport with his father, where he md. Deborah Dow. He d. Oct. 1, 1839; his wife d. Feb. 25, 1833. Several of his children resided here.
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4. Jesse Webster, son of John, was b. in Newport, June 7, 1811; md., first wife, Susan C. Newell, of Newport, who d. Jan. 4, 1839; he md., second wife, May 7, 1840, Jennette H., dau. of William L. and Betsey D. Woods, of this town, who d. March 10, 1847; he md., third wife, Lovilla Woods, sister of Jennette. He learned the trade of a tailor, and settled in this town Aug. 12, 1836. Save two years, when he was in business in Concord, he has since resided here. He has been in continuous business, without any interruption, since he first established himself in Henniker,—a period of forty-four years. Has been a prominent citizen of the town, and was an active member of the Baptist church. He is a farmer in connection with his trade. Child of first wife:
 5. Newell H., b. Nov. 29, 1836; resided with his father, attending school and working in the shop, until 1861, when he went to Hastings, Minn., thence to St. Paul,

where he resided a short time, then joined a surveying party, and resided in Dakota during 1862. In 1863 he was for a while in Denver, Col., and afterwards went to East Bannock, Montana territory; in 1865 he settled in Helena, Montana, where he still resides. He built the first frame house in Helena, and has since been a prominent and active business man of the place; is a merchant, and is highly respected. He md., May 21, 1876, Ella M. Adams, of Helena. He early exhibited a talent for sketching and painting, and in his leisure hours he has produced some works of much merit.

6. Susan L., b. Oct. 13, 1850; md. Jacob S. Whitney.
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WELCH.

1. Joseph Welch, son of Joseph and Persis Curtis Welch, was b. in Thetford, Vt., June 18, 1795; he md. Jemima Pratt, and came to this town to reside during the early years of the present century. He was a blacksmith by trade, having built and worked in the brick basement of the shop now belonging to D. W. Cogswell. He resided here until he went to Bradford, thence to Warrensburg, N. Y., and thence to Glens Falls, N. Y., where he d. His widow is still living.
 2. Alonzo H., b. Nov. 19, 1819; md. Maria Burton; one child, dead; resides Glens Falls, N. Y.
 3. William P., b. Oct. 4, 1821; md. Sarah Harlow, of Boston; two children, one dead; resides in Boston, and is a pattern-maker.
 4. Persis C., b. July 14, 1823; md., first time, Columbus Howe; resides at Glens Falls, N. Y.
 5. Harry H., b. April 4, 1825; d. unmd.
 6. Henrietta, b. Feb. 15, 1827; md. Moses Hughes; resides Glens Falls, N. Y.
 7. Emeline, b. Feb. 19, 1829; md. Gideon Wood; widow; one child, Nellie; resides Glens Falls, N. Y.
 8. Lydia F., b. July 14, 1831; d. Aug. 3, 1834.
 9. Joseph H., b. Sept. 2, 1833; d. in late war.
 10. Henry P., b. Jan. 14, 1836.
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WHEELER.

1. Warren Wheeler, md. and settled in this town, upon the farm now owned by David Chase. He d. Jan. 1, 1826; his wife d. Sept. 1, 1845.



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2. Susannah, b. 1796; d. Nov. 25, 1815.
 3. Abigail W., b. 1800; md. Zebulon Foster.
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WHITCOMB.

The Whitcombs have been in Stow, Mass., for nearly two centuries.

1. Benjamin Whitcomb was there early in the last century, and md. Dorcas —. Several of their children came to this town, and at one time the family was quite numerous here. Some of their descendants yet reside here.
 2. Jacob, b. Sept. 13, 1743.†
 3. Charles, b. Aug. 22, 1745.†
 4. Reuben, b. Feb. 7, 1747-'8.†
 5. Benjamin.† 6. Silas, b. Oct. 15, 1758.†
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- (2.) Jacob Whitcomb, the eighth settler in this town, md.. May 10, 1764, Olive Wetherbee, dau. of Thomas and Hannah Wetherbee, of Stow, Mass.; was in this town as early as 1764-'5, and settled where John K. Connor now resides. After living here a few years, he moved into the edge of Warner, where he d. May 27, 1823; his wife d. Oct. 2, 1828; both buried in Henniker.

Children b. here.

7. Benjamin, b. July 6, 1765.
8. Sarah, b. April 28, 1768; md. B. Hoyt.
9. Olive, b. 1770.
10. Betsey, b. Sept. 7, 1772; md. James Sargent.

Born in Warner.

11. Jonathan, b. April 2, 1774; d. Sept. 11, 1777.
 12. Lydia, b. Sept. 23, 1776; md. Daniel Sanborn.
 13. Olive, b. July 28, 1778; md. Joseph Connor.
 14. Mercy, b. March 11, 1781.
 15. John, b. March 29, 1785.†
 16. Jonathan, b. June 8, 1787; settled in Claremont.
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- (3.) Charles Whitcomb, md., March 9, 1768, Hannah Hale, of Marlborough, Mass.; came to Henniker as early as 1764; purchased two hundred acres of land, and built his cabin a little southerly from the residence of Oliver A. Newton. He purchased his land of James Peters, of

Londonderry, and the deed was given April 18, 1762. He was a noble specimen of the hardy pioneers who first settled in this township. He was one of the members of the first church formed here. He d. April 2, 1802; his wife d. Feb. 10, 1802.

17. Oliver, b. July 31, 1769.†
 18. Silas, b. Sept. 21, 1771.†
 19. Dorcas, b. Oct. 15, 1773; md. E. Dufur, Feb. 12, 1793.
 20. Lavina, b. Nov. 27, 1776; d. Oct. 2, 1777.
 21. Charles, b. Dec. 14, 1778.†
 22. Hannah, b. Oct. 4, 1780; md. Abel Dufur.
 23. Jacob H., b. Jan. 25, 1783; went West.
 24. Josiah, b. Nov. 13, 1785; d. March 7, 1870; unmd.
 25. Paul, b. Dec. 4, 1786; went to Pennsylvania.
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(4.) Reuben Whitcomb, md., and lived a few years where Asa Whitcomb resides; then went to Vermont. He was a soldier in the Revolution.

26. Stephen, b. Aug. 13, 1772.
 27. Ephraim, b. July 1, 1774.
 28. Nathaniel, b. 1776. 29. Betsey, b. 1778.
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(5.) Benjamin Whitcomb, came to this town shortly after his brothers, and settled upon the farm now owned in part by Asa Whitcomb; his house stood on the step of land south-east of Mr. Whitcomb's. He md. Sarah Rice, of this town, dau. of Elijah and Rachel Rice. He d. Oct. 23, 1828; his wife d. Jan., 1843.

30. Elijah, b. March. 1778.†
 31. Zaccheus, b. Nov. 20, 1780.†
 32. Calvin, b. Nov. 27, 1782; unmd.
 33. Abel, b. March 9, 1784.†
 34. Joel; md. Betsey Preston.
 35. Judith; md. Robert Campbell. 36. Daniel.†
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(6.) Silas Whitcomb, md., in 1796, Eunice Tenney, of Stow, Mass., and came to this town in 1812, and settled where Asa Whitcomb and his sisters reside. Children b. in Stow, Mass., save one; all came here with him.

37. Betsey, b. 1795; d. Oct. 13, 1814.
38. Malinda, b. 1797; d. July 14, 1822.
39. Lydia, b. July 16, 1799; unmd.
40. Benjamin, b. Feb. 24, 1802; d.

- 41. Lucy, b. Oct. 15, 1803; unmd.
 - 42. Calvin, b. Jan. 14, 1805; d. Sept. 27, 1874; unmd.
 - 43. Asa, b. May 16, 1808; unmd.
 - 44. Sarah, b. March 16, 1811; md. Enoch Coffin, of Newburyport, Mass.; seven children.
 - 45. Eliphalet, b. 1813; d. young.
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(15.) John Whitcomb, md., Jan. 21, 1808, Polly Gibson, of this town; he resided upon the homestead where he was born, and was never away from his home two months in his life. He was always identified with this town. He d. May 21, 1878; his wife d. May 3, 1865.

- 46. Laura, b. April 12, 1808; d.
 - 47. Imri, b. Aug. 28, 1810; resided with his father; killed in the woods Feb. 10, 1846; md. Mary A. Connor, who d. Dec. 10, 1854.
 - 48. 1. Mary L., b. Sept. 5, 1838.
 - 49. 2. William H., b. Dec. 1, 1839.
 - 50. 3. Maria E., b. Aug. 12, 1841; d. Aug., 1869; md. Levi Woodbury.
 - 51. 4. Paulina S., b. June 12, 1846; md. Levi Woodbury.
 - 52. Lucinda, b. May 11, 1813; d. 1843.
 - 53. Elmira, b. March 30, 1816; md. Dexter Whitcomb.
 - 54. Elizabeth, b. Oct. 8, 1822; unmd.
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(17.) Oliver Whitcomb, md., 1795, Sally Edwards, of Weare; he lived several years upon a farm in "Shabica," northerly from the present residence of W. C. Cogswell; then moved on to the farm now owned by his son Kendall. He d. Jan. 7, 1842; his wife d. Aug. 16, 1859.

- 55. Sally, b. June 29, 1796; md. Asa Wood; is now living.
 - 56. Betsey, b. Dec. 1, 1800; d. Aug. 10, 1802.
 - 57. Betsey, b. Nov. 12, 1804; md. Samuel C. Currier.
 - 58. Barnard, b. June 8, 1807; lives in Hillsborough; md., Sept. 20, 1838, Betsey N. Wheeler.
 - 59. Kendall, b. May 7, 1819; resides on homestead; selectman; unmd.
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(18.) Silas Whitcomb, md. Sally, dau. of Thomas Brown, of this town; resided in "Shabica," near his brother Oliver, a few years, then moved to New York; children b. here.

- 60. Benjamin, b. April 23, 1797; d. March 28, 1822.
- 61. Rebecca, b. Dec. 23, 1799; md. Hezekiah Campbell.

62. Josiah, b. Sept. 16, 1801. 63. Mahala, b. Sept. 8, 1803.
 64. Lucy, b. July 20, 1805. 65. Hiram B., b. June 21, 1807.
 66. Mary Ann, b. Jan. 7, 1809. 67. Betsey.
 68 and 69. Twins, d. April 12 and 15, 1817.
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(21.) Charles Whitcomb, md. Sally Hoyt, of Dunbarton; resided near the Whitney place; moved to Troy, Vt.; children b. here.

70. Thomas, b. Feb. 9, 1802. 71. Hannah, b. Feb. 27, 1804.
 72. Louisa, b. Feb. 7, 1807. 73. Baruch, b. Oct. 18, 1809.
 74. Vinah, d. Sept. 27, 1819.
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(30.) Elijah Whitcomb, md., Jan. 20, 1805, Sally Gibson; resided here a few years, then moved to Troy, Vt.; children b. here.

75. Laura. 76. Harvey. 77. Eliza. 78. Calvin.
 79. James M.
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(31.) Zaccheus Whitcomb, md. Mary Hale, of Jaffrey, and resided on the homestead; he d. Feb. 25, 1830.

80. Maria. 81. Mary, b. Jan. 29, 1803.
 82. Roxana, b. Dec. 14, 1804.
 83. Dexter, b. June 29, 1806.†
 84. Luke, b. Feb. 6, 1808. 85. Olive, b. June 26, 1810.
 86. Sarah, b. June 26, 1812.
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(33.) Abel Whitcomb, md., first wife, Hannah Hale, of Jaffrey, who d. June 24, 1834; md., second wife, December, 1842, Betsey Temple, of Windsor, Vt. Was a shoemaker, and a lifelong resident of the town. He d. Dec. 29, 1862; his widow is still living.

87. Catharine, b. Aug. 15, 1809; md. Nathan Burnham, of Derry; d. July, 1857.
 88. Thomas J., b. April 19, 1811; md., first wife, Oct. 10, 1847, Maria Horner, of Eden, Me., who d. June 3, 1870; md., second wife, Elizabeth Mason, of Wilton; resides in Temple; two children.
 89. Mary W., b. April 28, 1813; md. Warren S. Holt, of Wilton; three children.
 90. Elizabeth, b. Jan. 10, 1816; md. J. Bohannon, Chelmsford, Mass.; one child.
 91. Susan, b. May 11, 1818; md. G. S. Hamilton, Truro, Mass.; two children.

92. Oscar B., b. May 8, 1820; md. April 17, 1850, Lorenza H. Boyd, of Francestown; resides in Mt. Auburn, Iowa.
93. 1. George H., b. June 22, 1851; d. Aug. 31, 1852.
 94. 2. Maria F., b. June 15, 1858.
 95. 3. Emma L., b. April 9, 1863.
 96. Luther H., b. April 18, 1823. +
 97. Sarah R., b. June 4, 1825; md. A. S. Holt, Wilton; four children.
98. Benjamin H., b. May 7, 1828; resides in Vermont.
 99. William, b. Dec. 16, 1832; md., July 4, 1851, Henrietta H. Hastings, of Winchendon, Mass.; resides in Philadelphia.
100. 1. Henry H., b. June 3, 1855.

- (36.) Daniel Whitcomb, md., first wife, — Clark, who d.; md., second wife, May 10, 1818, Sophia Wright; settled in Hillsborough, after residing here several years.
101. Clark. 102. Lorenzo. 103. John L. 104. Mary.
 105. Parker S.

- (83.) Dexter Whitcomb, md., first wife, Dec. 2, 1830, Emily A. Tellou; md., second wife, Elmira Whitcomb. A shoemaker and general mechanic. Resided in Ohio many years, where his children were born.
106. Harriet, b. April 9, 1832.
 107. George D., b. May 13, 1834.
 108. Jerome H., b. Jan. 8, 1837; d. May 3, 1837.
 109. Jerome S., b. April 10, 1839; killed by a falling tree.
 110. Henry O., b. July 10, 1841.
 111. Susan S., b. Aug. 20, 1843.
 112. Edwin W., b. July 3, 1850.
 113. Frank W., b. Aug. 27, 1852.

- (95.) Luther H. Whitcomb, resided in the family of Isaac Rice until twenty-one years of age; then resided in Manchester a few years, where he md., April 2, 1853, Ann J., dau. of Joseph and Aseneth Welch, of Shipton, Canada East, and shortly after returned to Henniker, where he has since resided. An excellent musician and thrifty farmer.
114. Ella F., b. Oct. 4, 1854; md. Dr. Stone, of Ayer Junction, Mass.

115. Sumner F., b. Nov. 17, 1856; d. March 30, 1863.
 116. Marietta J., b. Aug. 15, 1859; teacher.
 117. Jennie W., b. March 21, 1862.
 118. Charles S. F., b. July 18, 1864.
 119. Carrie A., b. Nov. 20, 1860.
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120. Darius Whitcomb, son of Simeon, of Marlborough, Mass., and relative of the first Whitcombs here, was b. Jan. 22, 1768, and md. Lois Wetherbee, of Stow, Mass., where he resided until 1801, when he came to this town and settled on the south side of Craney hill, where he d. April 25, 1858; his wife d. Nov. 24, 1817. His children b. in Stow, Mass., save the two last.
121. Ira, b. Aug. 6, 1790.+
 122. Benjamin, b. Jan. 9, 1792; md. Jane Williams, of Stow, Mass.
 123. Pliny, b. Dec. 12, 1793; md. Ednah Eastman, of this town; had five daughters, all md.
 124. Asaph, b. June 23, 1801; d. Nov. 25, 1825.
 125. Millie, b. June 23, 1801; d. Oct. 25, 1802.
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- (121.) Ira Whitcomb, md. March 4, 1819, Elizabeth Caldwell, of this town, sister of James and Alexander; resided upon the homestead until 1874, when he removed to Goffstown, to reside with his daughter; he d. Oct. 25, 1876; his wife d. April 6, 1852.
126. Lois, b. Jan. 11, 1820; d. Jan. 18, 1844.
 127. Carlos, b. July 18, 1822; d. June 17, 1842.
 128. Elizabeth, b. June 11, 1825; md., Dec. 24, 1857, Abram Colburn; resides in Goffstown.
- Child b. here.
129. 1. Ira W., b. March 29, 1867.
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WHITMAN.

1. John Whitman, ancestor of the Whitman family in America, was in Weymouth, Mass., in 1638; had nine children. Thomas, the eldest, came with his mother in 1641. John², his son, settled in Stow, Mass., and was one of the original proprietors for this township. [See Grant.] John³, his son, md., 1715, Margaret ——. John⁴, his son, b. Sept. 21, 1718, md. Mary Foster, of Harvard, Feb. 6, 1747, or '48.

5. Daniel, b. June 8, 1750.+
6. Edward, b. Aug. 6, 1752.+ 7. John, b. 1755.+
These children were b. in Boston, Mass.
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- (5.) Daniel Whitman, came to this town near the close of the Revolution; was a merchant. [See Stores.] Married, first time, June 15, 1773; second wife, May 6, 1792, Sally Kast, of Hopkinton; disposed of his property and removed to Virginia, where he ended his days. Children b. here.
8. Philip Kast, b. Feb. 1, 1793.
9. Betsey, b. April 12, 1794.
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- (6.) Edward Whitman, md. Mary Brewer, of Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, in 1777; came to this town near the close of the Revolution [see Stores], and settled upon the Foster hill. He was a merchant in Boston, and made a permanent settlement here in 1790, and settled afterwards where his grandsons Brewer and Henry now reside. He was represented as an energetic business man, and highly respected by the old merchants in Boston. He was a member of the Rising States Lodge, F. & A. Masons, of Boston, from which he received a diploma in 1801, which is still in existence. He was the owner of the first chaise in this town, the same being a large bell-topped one without the little glass in the curtain behind, as was the case in those of later date. He d. Aug. 20, 1805; his wife d. Aug. 7, 1807.
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10. Edward Whitman, was b. in Boston, Oct. 20, 1779, and came to this town with his father; was a merchant many years, afterwards a farmer; resided on the old homestead; he md., Feb. 13, 1810, Polly Goss, of this town. He d. Oct. 25, 1845; his wife d. Feb. 24, 1855.
11. 1. Edward B., b. Oct. 30, 1811; resides on the homestead; a valuable citizen; unmd.
12. 2. Ephraim W., b. Aug. 9, 1816; unmd.
13. 3. Thomas W., b. Mar. 11, 1819; d. Apr. 6, 1866; unmd.
14. 4. Mary B., b. Sept. 6, 1822; unmd.
15. 5. Cyrus W., b. Nov. 9, 1826; md. Catharine M. Harthorn.
16. 6. Henry W., b. June 25, 1834; unmd.
17. Thomas, b. in Boston, July 2, 1789; merchant; lived here awhile; then returned to Boston, where he d. Sept. 1, 1829.

18. Ebenezer, b. in Boston, Jan., 1787; came here with his father; md., Nov. 16, 1809, Sarah Rice, of this town; he d. Jan. 9, 1832; his wife d. May 26, 1852; no children.
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- (7.) John Whitman, came to this town before his brother Edward, and settled on the south side of Craney hill. He md. Sally —.
19. Alvin, b. July 27, 1787; d. April 25, 1858.
 20. Joab, b. Feb. 1, 1792; d. May 24, 1817.
 21. Sally, b. April 30, 1790; d. April 1, 1791.
 22. Sally, b. 1792; md. John Savage, July 11, 1809.
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WHITNEY.

The Whitneys in this town descended from John and Eleanor Whitney, who embarked at London in April, 1635, reaching this country in the June following, and settled in Watertown, Mass. They brought with them five sons,—John, Richard, Nathaniel, Thomas, and Jonathan. They had three children, b. in Watertown,—Joshua, Caleb, Benjamin.

1. Eleazer Whitney, third in descent from Joshua, and whose father was Eleazer, md., Nov. 9, 1743, Mary Grow. He d. Sept. 14, 1758; his wife d. Sept. 4, 1761. They resided in Marlborough, Mass.
 2. Mary, b. Sept. 18, 1744.
 3. Samuel, b. Dec. 2, 1746.
 4. Deborah, b. Jan. 30, 1749; d. Sept. 10, 1750.
 5. Alexander, b. July 2, 1751.†
 6. Joshua, b. April 26, 1754.†
 7. Hannah, b. June, 1757.
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- (5.) Alexander Whitney, md., July 10, 1776, Lois Carroll, of Hopkinton, Mass., and came soon after to this town, and settled upon the farm known as the "Whitney place," above Carlos Childs's.
8. Eleazer, b. Dec. 5, 1777.†
 9. Molly, b. May 21, 1779; md. John Connor.
 10. Louis, b. March 3, 1781; d. Dec. 31, 1862.
 11. Hannah, b. Jan. 13, 1783; md. Abel Connor.
 12. Sarah, b. Nov. 22, 1785; md. — Perry, Newport.
 13. Phebe, b. 1787; md. Thomas M. Davis.
 14. Alexander, b. Dec. 5, 1789; d. Dec. 17, 1791.†
 15. Stephen, b. June 10, 1792.†
 16. Cynthia, d. April 28, 1816.

- (6.) Joshua Whitney, md., Nov. 12, 1777, Betty Wood, sister of Jonathan; came to Henniker, and settled where Thomas Brown resides. He d. Feb. 2, 1835; his wife d.
17. Samuel, b. June 17, 1779; d. July 6, 1779.
18. Luther, b. July 25, 1780; md., first wife, Jan. 13, 1803, Hannah Gordon, of this town, who d. Dec. 13, 1804; md., second wife, Nabby —, who d. Jan. 16, 1816.
19. 1. Infant, b. 1804; d. Oct. 10, 1804.
20. 2. Hannah, b. Nov. 7, 1807.
21. 3. Livonia, b. June 13, 1809; other children.
22. Levi, b. May 25, 1783; d. Oct. 16, 1785.
23. Stephen, b. Oct. 15, 1785; d. May 24, 1798.
24. John, b. July 23, 1787; md., Jan. 1, 1810, Lucy Chamberlain, of this town; was a blacksmith; went West.
25. 1. Emeline, b. 1810.
26. Silas, b. March 30, 1791; md., July 23, 1818, Sally Butler, of this town.
27. 1. Bela Butler, b. Oct. 21, 1819.
28. 2. Stephen M., b. Feb. 26, 1823; d. June 26, 1824.
29. 3. Moses S., b. Jan. 13, 1826.
This family moved to Canaan.
30. Betsey, b. June 12, 1794; unmd.
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- (8.) Eleazer Whitney, md. Oct. 31, 1799, Alice Peabody; he resided upon the homestead. He d. Feb. 1, 1838; his wife d. Oct. 9, 1867.
31. Asa, b. Nov. 26, 1800.†
32. Lois C., b. April 4, 1803; md. Zebulon Foster, Jr.
33. Frederic, b. Oct. 5, 1806.†
34. Benjamin Carroll, b. Dec. 23, 1808; } drowned [see
35. Alexander, b. April 11, 1812; } Accidents].
36. Alice B., b. June 2, 1816; d. Sept. 26, 1854.
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- (15.) Stephen Whitney, md. Feb. 28, 1825, Sarah Bailey; resided here until 1843, when he removed to Newport, where he d. Children b. here.
37. Edwin R., b. Nov. 19, 1825; md. Prudence Connor.
38. Edgar, b. Nov. 19, 1825; d. Sept. 17, 1826.
39. Sarah J., b. Dec. 25, 1827; md. B. C. Whipple, of Croydon.
40. Stephen P., b. April 9, 1830; md. Mary J. Pollard, of Croydon; he d. Sept., 1874.
41. 1. Stephen P., Jr.

42. George F., b. Aug. 12, 1832; md. Ann E. Durgin, of Newport. Several children.
43. Mary Elizabeth, b. Sept. 14, 1834; md. Hon. Edmund Burke, of Newport.

(14.) Alexander Whitney, md., Nov. 24, 1814, Lydia Foster, dau. of Zebulon and Polly Foster, of this town; moved to New London in 1826.

44. Aaron F., b. March 26, 1815.
45. Mary S., b. March 29, 1817.
46. Gilman H., b. Nov. 30, 1819.
47. William S., b. Nov. 1, 1822.
48. George A., b. Feb. 11, 1825; six children, b. in New London.

(31.) Asa Whitney, md., first wife, Dec. 18, 1823, Patty, dau. of Elisha and Sarah Rice, of this town, who d. Jan. 6, 1850; md., second wife, Oct., 1850, Mary L. Childs. He was a hard-working, honest man; sang in the choir nearly all his life; d. Jan. 19, 1858.

Children of first wife.

49. Imri S., b. Sept. 20, 1824. †
50. Jason H., b. June 19, 1826. †
51. Mary E., b. Sept. 8, 1829; md.; resides in the West.
52. Walter C., b. Dec. 8, 1831; md., Jan. 25, 1857, Mary, dau. of Jonas and Louisa Bacon, of this town; was a railroad conductor in the West; both dead.
53. Lydia B., b. April 16, 1833; md., Oct. 28, 1851, B. L. Quimby, of Claremont; resides in the West.
54. George F., b. Nov. 7, 1835; railroad conductor in the West.
55. Jacob S., b. Nov. 3, 1841; butcher and farmer; md., first wife, June 4, 1868, Lottie B. Marsh, of this town, who d. Aug. 8, 1869; and he md., second wife, June 23, 1872, Susan L. Webster, of this town.
56. 1. Walter A., b. Jan. 18, 1873.
57. 2. Dora L., b. Feb. 27, 1879.

Children of second wife.

58. Infant, b. Jan 8, 1852; d. Jan. 13, 1852.
59. Sarah, b. Sept. 15, 1855; md. Eugene D. Brooks, of Cambridge, Mass.; several children.

(33.) Frederick Whitney, md., first wife, Jan. 12, 1835, Fidelia, dau. of William L. and Betsey Woods, of this town,



D. S. Whitney

who d. June 2, 1857; and he md., second wife, May 12, 1864, Mrs. Hannah B. Carter, of Warner. He was a carpenter by trade. [See Bridge Builders.] He was a great lover of music, and occupied a seat in the choir nearly all his days after reaching his majority, when not absent from the town, and a good portion of the time as leader; was one of the delegates to the Constitutional convention in 1850; chairman of selectmen in 1849. A warm-hearted, genial man. He died very suddenly, May 20, 1878.

60. Julia, b. Oct. 20, 1838; md. W. O. Folsom.
 61. Infant, b. July, 1846; d. Sept. 13, 1846.

- (49.) Imri S. Whitney, md., Nov. 13, 1848, Zeviah C. Webster, sister of Jesse, who was b. at Newport, Oct. 9, 1828. At a very early age he exhibited a great love for music, learning to read it when quite young, under his father's instruction; he made great progress in the first singing-school that he attended, and soon became quite a violinist. He made some half dozen violins, none of which suited him, the proceeds of a crop of potatoes from a small piece of ground, when sold, purchasing for him one much better. He worked upon the farm until seventeen years old, and at eighteen taught his first district school; he fitted for college, but finally decided to give his whole attention to music; he taught his first singing-school in this town at twenty years of age; was bugler in the village band, and soon became leader of the choir. In 1848, having previously decided to teach nothing but music, he commenced a regular course of study with E. A. Hosmer, of Nashua, and purchased a piano, paying for the same by teaching music. At Nashua he composed his first song, "My Cottage Home," which had a large sale. In 1849 he began the teaching of juvenile classes, in which, and in the line of concerts, he has accomplished much, having taught hundreds of classes, and given many concerts. In Dec., 1853, after two years' study and practice in the cultivation of the voice, he settled in Manchester, where he still resides. From 1856 to 1859 inclusive, taught music in the State Teachers' Institutes. In Sept., 1860, he commenced teaching music in the public schools in Manchester, a thing as yet not known; the next term he was appointed teacher of music for the schools, which position he held for fifteen years. In the autumn of 1864, the "Beethoven Musical Association" was formed, of

which he had the sole management, and several large and very successful concerts were given. Mr. Whitney has never labored to become a public performer upon any instrument, or to become a public singer, yet he has but few equals in either department; some of his pupils are very fine singers and pianists, and are occupying honorable positions in the musical world. He is at present the proprietor of the largest musical collection in the state, and is a noble specimen of a self-made and successful business man.

62. Adah C., b. in Manchester, Oct. 1, 1861.

(50.) Jason H. Whitney, md., Feb. 13, 1855, Lenora A., dau. of Alanson and Mary Wood, of this town.

63. Mary Lizzie, b. June 2, 1856; md. John Gilchrist.

64. Emma F., b. July 20, 1858.

65. Frederick, b. Feb. 27, 1861.

66. Infant, b. Oct. 23, 1869; d. Oct. 24, 1869.

1. Dr. Amos Whitney, son of Isaiah Whitney, was b. in Harvard, Mass., 1768. He md. Rhoda Cutter, of Rindge, dau. of Nathan and Hannah Cutter, of New Ipswich, June 9, 1793. He moved to this town in 1795, and resided in a little house that stood near the one now owned by Mrs. Wm. Smith, in the south-east part of the town, better known as the late residence of J. S. Craige. He was a very skilful physician, and highly esteemed. While living here, by his direction Major Jeremiah Crocker set out "a little elm tree," which has now assumed stately proportions in front of the house now standing, which was built there three fourths of a century ago by Mrs. Whitney, after the death of her husband. He d. Feb. 23, 1802, and his widow md. Jasper Temple.

2. Horace, b. Sept. 18, 1793; was a soldier in the War of 1812; d. at Concord.

3. Sophronia, b. Jan. 10, 1795; md. Jacob Gibson, April 18, 1813. These two children b. in Harvard, Mass.

4. Dolly, b. June 14, 1796; md. a Mr. Moore, of Hillsborough.

5. Calista, b. Feb. 3, 1798; md. Wm. K. Howe.

6. Cynthia, b. Jan. 19, 1800; d. April 27, 1816.

WHITAKER.

1. Isaac Whitaker. resided in the east part of the town, near the house that stands northerly from the covered bridge, across the Contoocook, and near the pond that bears his name. He had a large family of children, among whom were
 2. Stephen.+ 3. Rachel.
 4. Sally, md. Nathaniel Noyes. 5. Isaac.+
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- (2.) Stephen Whitaker, md. Rachel —, and resided with his father; his wife d. Oct. 5, 1823.
6. Phebe, b. March 24, 1798.
 7. Stephen, b. April 29, 1800.
 8. Moses, b. July 8, 1802; d. Oct. 23, 1817.
 9. Susanna, b. July 7, 1804.
 10. Joshua H., b. April 24, 1808.
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- (5.) Isaac Whitaker, md. Hannah —.

11. Isaac, b. April 6, 1800.
 12. William Y., b. April 13, 1802.
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WHITTIER.

1. Richard Whittier, son of Richard and Molly Whittier, was b. in Amesbury, Mass., Oct. 1, 1782, and md. Sally Straw, of Warner. He resided in Warner several years, upon what is known as "Mink hills;" came to this town in 1845, and resided where Rial and Henry Merrick now reside. He d. July 27, 1859; his wife d. Aug. 27, 1859.

Born in Warner.

2. Mary, b. Sept. 19, 1809; unmd.
 3. Jane, b. March 14, 1812; md. Hiram M. Davis.
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WIGGIN.

1. Asa P. Wiggin, son of Lot and Betsey Wiggin, was born in Warner, Dec. 9, 1822; md., April 27, 1847, Mary A. Cheney, of this town, who died July 31, 1858; and he md., for his second wife, Feb. 1, 1860, Lavinia F. San-

born, of Sutton. Mr. Wiggin came to this town in 1865, and purchased the farm where he has since resided; was one of the selectmen of the town in 1874.

Children by first wife, all born in Warner.

2. Albert C., b. Sept. 20, 1848.
3. Celia A., b. Dec. 20, 1849; d. Nov. 17, 1873.
4. Harriet M., b. April 13, 1851.
5. Mary J., b. April 30, 1853.
6. John L., b. Dec. 27, 1854. 7. Frank P., b. Aug. 23, 1857.

Children by second wife, all born in Henniker, save the two first.

8. Alma A., b. Jan. 4, 1861. 9. Lulah P., b. May 23, 1862.
 10. Eldora F., b. Oct. 25, 1865.
 11. George S., b. July 31, 1867.
 12. Tappan S., b. Oct. 8, 1869.
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WILKINS.

1. James Wilkins, was b. in Deering, Nov. 10, 1791, and was the son of Bray Wilkins, a soldier in the Revolution, who came from Middleton, Mass., and md. his wife from New Boston, and was himself a son of Alexander and Sarah Blair Wilkins, who settled in Deering. Mr. Wilkins md., Nov. 28, 1820, Sarah Fulton, who was b. Feb. 10, 1804; came to this town April 18, 1831, and lived a short time in the valley above A. D. L. F. Connor's; then erected the buildings where his son James resides. He was a wheelwright by trade, a superior workman, and an excellent citizen. He d. June 7, 1869.

Children b. in Deering.

2. Gawn, b. Jan. 16, 1822; wheelwright; merchant; postmaster since 1874; md. Mary L. Cogswell, Nov. 17, 1870, who d. Oct. 2, 1879. [See Soldiers.]
3. Sarah, b. July 19, 1824; d. Oct. 21, 1825.
4. Betsey Jane, b. Jan. 9, 1827; d. Aug. 11, 1869.
5. Sarah, b. Jan. 6, 1829; md. Oliver Pillsbury.

Born in Henniker.

6. James, b. Jan. 10, 1831; md. Charlotte A. Abbott, Dec. 23, 1858; wheelwright and farmer; selectman and town treasurer.
7. 1. Charles A., b. May 4, 1862; Manchester.
8. George May. [See Roll of Honor.]
9. Charles. [See Roll of Honor.]

10. Henrietta, b. Nov. 21, 1837; md. James S. Taylor.
 11. William H., b. Nov. 21, 1837; d. March 13, 1839.
 12. Mary Childs, b. March 13, 1840; d. July 6, 1859.
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13. Dr. William W. Wilkins, b. in Hamilton, N. Y.; was a physician here several years; resides in Manchester; is a skilful physician.
 14. Mary Eva, b. May 7, 1859.
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WILLIAMS.

1. Joseph Williams, a descendant of Abraham Williams, who was in Marlborough, Mass., in 1663; came to this town from Marlborough, in 1769, and resided in the south-east part of the town. He md. Rhene —, in 1768. Children born here. He d. March 11, 1779; his wife d. Oct. 23, 1798.
 2. John, b. Nov. 22, 1769.
 3. Prudence, b. Nov. 25, 1771; d. Nov. 10, 1776.
 4. Sarah, b. Sept. 9, 1773; d. Nov. 7, 1776.
 5. William, b. May 23, 1775. 6. Eunice, b. Sept. 11, 1777.
 7. Tabitha, b. 1779; d. April 9, 1788.
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WILLSON.

1. Adam Willson, was b. in the north part of Ireland, Dec. 25, 1723. Upon arriving at age he came to this country, and settled in Londonderry, where he md. Elizabeth —. He d. in this town Nov. 4, 1816. They had several children, who settled in various parts of the country. Among the children was Thomas.²
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- (2.) Thomas Willson, son of Adam, was b. in Londonderry, March 12, 1753. He md. Ann Withrow, who was b. in the north part of Ireland, June 12, 1746. They removed to this town soon after the close of the Revolution, and settled upon the farm known as the "Hiram G. Patten farm." They had four children, all b. in Londonderry, but came to this town with their parents. He d. June 27, 1830; his wife d. March 2, 1809. I insert the following, taken from the *Farmers' Cabinet* of March 21, 1808, communicated by Rev. Moses Sawyer:

DIED. At Henniker, Mrs. Ann (Withrow) Willson, wife of Mr. Thomas Willson; also, Mr. William Love, of Hillsborough; the former on the 2d, and the latter on the 6th inst. They were both aged, but being foreigners, neither could ascertain the exact date of their respective births. These two persons were cousins, and endeared to each other by rare familiarity of circumstances. They were natives of Ireland, though of Scotch descent. Both born in the same borough, taught at the same school, spent their youthful days in the same circle of friends. In 1763 they embarked on the same vessel, crossed the same ocean, and landed at the same place in Pennsylvania. From there they, in company, went to Maryland, thence to Boston, thence to Londonderry, N. H., thence separated by a short distance, both settled in the same vicinity. They were peculiarly attached to each other, having for years no other relative this side the Atlantic save their families. They were pleasant and beloved companions to their respective partners, tender and indulgent parents, obliging and hospitable neighbors. They were both taken unwell at the same time. Mr. Love recovered a little, and rode to Henniker to visit his friend, but was greatly surprised to find that the companion of his early days and of his travels was then breathing her last. He was immediately taken unwell, and died in the same house four days after, and through grace we hope they have both safely arrived at the same better country where the dearest kindred meet to part no more. They were pleasant and lovely in their lives, and in their death they were not divided.

3. 1. Samuel, b. Jan. 21, 1777.†
4. 2. John, b. May 23, 1778.
5. 3. William, b. July 14, 1780; d. Aug. 17, 1798.
6. 4. Betsey, b. Oct. 6, 1782.

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- (3.) Samuel Willson, son of Thomas, md. Feb. 7, 1804, Polly Eaton, dau. of Obadiah and Betsey P. Eaton, of Weare. He resided upon the homestead several years, then removed to Weare, where he remained a short time, then came back to town and resided where his son Obadiah now resides. He was a very successful teacher, and a man of a good deal of ability. He often served as chief marshal for the large celebrations held in the town, and was a highly respected citizen. They had six children. He d. April 18, 1848; his wife d. March 31, 1858.
7. Betsey P., b. Jan. 12, 1805; md. Cyrus Goss.
 8. Mary Ann W., b. Sept. 4, 1807; md. Alanson Grant, of Lyme, Oct. 4, 1826. She had six children. They reside in Illinois.
 9. Mary W., b. March 15, 1810; d. Aug. 7, 1815.

10. Obadiah E., b. July 12, 1812.†
 11. Jane Wallace, b. Nov. 28, 1818; md. Worcester Goss.
 12. Roxana E., b. March 1, 1821; d. Sept. 20, 1825.
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(10.) Obadiah E. Willson, md., June, 1850, first wife, Maria W., dau. of Jacob and Lovisa Rice, of this town, who d. Sept. 27, 1865. He md., second wife, Mrs. Eliza Ann Eaton, June 2, 1870.

Child by first wife.

13. Allen, b. Feb. 28, 1852.
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WINSHIP.

Joseph C. and Alfred Winship came to this town from Mason, in the spring of 1836. They were sons of Joseph and Achsa Richardson Winship. They engaged in the tin-ware business, establishing their shop in the building that stood on the site of the present residence of W. O. Folsom, and which was burned in the midst of a terrific thunder-storm, Saturday night, June 3, 1837. They then built the shop which was burned April 28, 1873.

1. Joseph C. Winship, md., May 26, 1836, Maria Adams, of Mason, and lived here until the autumn of 1849, when he removed to Bradford, Vt., where he still resides, highly respected. His wife d. Aug. 22, 1876.
 2. Mary Lizza, b. Feb. 29, 1840; md., Jan. 27, 1859, Henry K. Carlton; two children,—Fred. E., b. Nov. 23, 1859; Lenora M., b. April 21, 1864.
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3. Alfred Winship, md., Nov. 12, 1840, Susanna^m K., dau. of Daniel and Susannah Kirk, of this town. Like his brother Joseph, he was an energetic business man, and highly respected. He was one of the representatives to the legislature from this town in 1855 and 1856. He moved to Bradford, Vt., in May, 1859, where he died July 2, 1862; his widow still resides there with her son.
4. Henry A., b. June 7, 1850; md., Oct. 29, 1876, Eunice Ormsby, of Bradford, Vt. He is the business manager of a firm doing a large business in hardware, &c., and is a very capable, enterprising young man.

WITHINGTON.

1. Francis Withington, was born in Stow, Mass., and md., for his first wife, Rachel Mason. He came to this town as early as 1765, being the seventeenth settler in the township, and settled in the south-west part of the town, part way up the hill above the present residence of Mr. Alexander Caldwell, and was quite a prominent man in the early days of the town. He labored hard to provide a comfortable home for his large family, and to subdue the wilderness in that part of the town, and render it suitable for cultivation. They had fourteen children. His wife d. May 14, 1799, and he md., for his second wife, Widow Ramsdell, by whom he had no children. He d. Aug. 18, 1819; she d. Jan. 6, 1811.
 2. Elias, b. 1763.+ 3. John, b. 1765.+
 4. Francis M., b. Feb. 9, 1767.+
 5. Sarah, b. April 30, 1769; md., March 3, 1799, Richard Thistle, of Fishersfield (now Newbury).
 6. William, b. June 15, 1771; d. in Ohio.
 7. Salome, b. Aug. 21, 1773; d. Sept. 6, 1777.
 8. Ruth, b. Aug. 25, 1775; md., March 21, 1799, Henry Smith.
 9. Joel, b. April 3, 1777.+
 10. Salome, b. April 23, 1779; md., May 22, 1806, Stephen Greenleaf, of Reading.
 11. Mary, b. May 9, 1780; md., Jan. 22, 1804, Jonathan Brown, of Weare.
 12. Jacob, b. Sept. 11, 1785.+
 13. Samuel, b. May 2, 1788; d. in Attleborough, Mass; had three sons.
 14. Reuben, b. April 26, 1791; d. young.
 15. Rachel, b. May 14, 1793; d. 1871, at Milford; unmd.
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- (2.) Elias Withington, md. Mary McKean, of Nashua, in 1789. He resided in different parts of the town,—for a while upon a farm he owned on the “Shabica” road, north from the present residence of Washington C. Cogswell; for a while in a little house that stood easterly from the present residence of Harrison Morrill; for a while in a house that stood westerly from the Wallace poor-farm; and finally owned what is now known as the Reuben Monroe place. From this place he moved with his family to Hanover.

- 16. Nancy, b. April 23, 1790; d. unmd.
- 17. Infant, b. 1792; d. Feb. 12, 1792.
- 18. Mary, b. July 13, 1793; md. Nathan Hurlburt, of Lyme.
- 19. Francis, b. April 16, 1796; md. Anna Fitz, of Lyme.
- 20. Ruth, b. May 26, 1798; md. — Mussey, of Newbury.
- 21. William, b. 1800; md. Lydia Fitz, of Lyme.
- 22. Robert, b. 1802; md., at Hanover.
- 23. Rachel, b. 1804; d. 1821.

- (3.) John Withington, md. Elizabeth Burpee, of this town, and resided at the foot of the hill easterly from the Monroe place, where his brother Elias lived. He d. in Warner, as did his wife.
- 24. Sally, b. April 25, 1792; d. Sept. 15, 1851.
- 25. Rachel M., b. July 18, 1794; md. — Savory, of Warner.
- 26. Infant, b. 1795; d. July 26, 1795.
- 27. Betsey, b. April 27, 1797; md. Joseph Stiles, of Bradford.
- 29. Thomas C., b. Jan. 1, 1799; md. Mehitable Goodwin.
- 29. John, b. Jan. 24, 1801; md. Lovey Maxfield.
- 30. Miriam, b. May 22, 1803; d.; unmd.
- 31. Noah, b. Sept. 14, 1804; md. — Lord.
- 32. Mahala, b. July 12, 1806; d. young.
- 33. Thurza, b. July 12, 1806; md. Archibald Colburn, of Roxbury.
- 34. Mary, b. Aug. 25, 1809; d., 1866, at Nashua; unmd.

- (4.) Francis M. Withington, md. Hannah, dau. of Samuel and Hannah Smith, of this town, in 1796, and lived a number of years upon the place lying westerly from the Monroe place. He afterwards lived where Charles H. Chase now resides, where he died. He was one of the workmen upon the town-house. He d. May 11, 1845; his wife d. March 25, 1845.
- 35. Jonathan, b. Nov. 16, 1797; md., and resided in Pittstown, N. Y.
- 36. Lydia, b. Feb. 16, 1799; md., Dec. 12, 1816, Enoch Greenleaf, of this town; d. Oct. 7, 1856.
- 37. Cynthia, b. April 2, 1800; d. in Hampstead, Oct. 7, 1856; unmd.
- 38. Hannah, b. March 1, 1802; md. Eliphalet Ray of this town.
- 39. Laura, b. Aug. 10, 1804; md. David Clough, of Bradford.
- 40. Salome, b. 1806; d. Sept. 8, 1812.

41. Aphia; d. Sept. 9, 1809.
 42. Elizabeth, b. 1808; d. May 5, 1840.
 43. Sarepta G., b. 1810; md., Groton, Mass.; d. April 25, 1868. 44. Sabra, b. 1812; unmd.
 45. Aphia, b. 1814; md. George Emerson, of Haverhill; moved to Sandown.
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- (9.) Joel Withington, md. Margery, dau. of Samuel and Margery Wadsworth, of this town, in 1801, and resided upon the homestead with his father. He afterwards moved to Danbury, March 1, 1831, where he d. Sept. 23, 1853. His wife d. July 18, 1846.
45. Ann, b. Sept. 16, 1802; md., Jan. 30, 1822, Charles Walker, of Weare.
 46. Cyrus, b. Aug. 28, 1804. +
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- (11.) Jacob Withington, son of Francis; md. Mary Nichols, of Edenton, Maine, and was a carpenter by trade. Resided in Manchester, after leaving town. He d. in Troy, N. Y., July 23, 1860.
47. Rachel, b. in Maine; md. William P. Snell, of Peterborough; d. 1875. 48. Royal.
 49. Mary, md. Wm. Farmer, of Peterborough; d. 1856.
 50. Almira, md., April 20, 1830, Geo. Wells, Goffstown.
 51. Lanora, md. Benj. Stevens, Amherst.
 52. Lovilla, md. Jonathan Pressey.
 53. Elizabeth, md. — Sargent.
 54. Maria K., md. Israel Doble, Manchester.
 55. Solander, b. Aug. 22, 1819; went West; d. Sept. 14, 1874.
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- (46.) Cyrus Withington, md., Dec. 26, 1833, Elizabeth G. Harriman, dau. of Gould and Phebe Harriman, of this town; resided in Danbury many years; resides in Wilmot; a highly-respected citizen. His wife d. Sept. 11, 1869, in Wilmot.

Children b. in Danbury.

56. Fidelia, b. Sept. 25, 1834; d. Nov. 13, 1847.
 57. Louisa M., b. May 30, 1839.
 58. Anna J., b. June 29, 1841; d. Oct. 27, 1847.
 59. Almena M., b. Aug. 24, 1844; d. Nov. 4, 1847.
 60. Minerva A., b. Aug. 24, 1844; d. July 7, 1847.

WITT.

1. Hollis Witt, a son of Mrs. John Hunter, and a descendant from John Witt, who was in Lynn in 1640; was a watch-maker and jeweler by trade; came to this town and resided where George L. Haliday now resides. He lived here until 1843, when he moved to Maine. There is but little record of his family.
 2. Faustina, b. 1829; d. Jan. 24, 1844.
 3. Josephine.
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WRIGHT.

1. Zadok Wright was a blacksmith, and was here during the Revolution. His shop was situated easterly from the residence of Greeley D. Tucker, near the road that was laid out leading to the road that ran down the river from Mr. Temple's saw-mill. He was a very uncomfortable man with his neighbors. One night he blew up his bellows by placing within them a quantity of powder. He charged one of his neighbors with the deed, but upon examination he confessed that he was the guilty man. He soon after left town, and settled in Brownfield, Me., a short time; then moved farther away from civilization.
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WOOD.

1. Eliphalet Wood was the fifth in line of descent from Wm. Wood, who came to this country in 1638, and settled in Concord, Mass., where he d. May 14, 1671, aged 89 years. He came from Matlock, Derbyshire, Eng. He left one son, Michael, and from him the Wood family has descended. Eliphalet Wood resided in Concord, Mass., afterwards in Westborough, where his children were born.
 2. Jonathan, b. April 13, 1753.+ 3. Joshua, b. 1756.+
 4. Jesse. 5. Jabez. 6. Lucy.
 7. Molly, md. John Harthorn.
 8. Betty, md. Joshua Whitney.
 9. Patty, md. W. Adams. He d. April 16, 1817; his wife d. Jan. 23, 1780.
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- (2.) Jonathan Wood, md., Oct. 3, 1773, Sarah Bradish, of Upton, Mass., who was b. April 17, 1754; came to this

town immediately after, and settled where the heirs of Dexter Wood reside. He d. Aug. 18, 1839; his wife d. Nov. 11, 1836.

10. Caleb, b. April 28, 1774; d. May 10, 1774.
11. Sally, b. April 17, 1775; md Aaron Wadsworth.
12. Eli, b. Sept. 30, 1777.†
13. Chloe, b. Oct. 24, 1780; d. May 7, 1841; unmd.
14. Abigail, b. Jan. 30, 1784; md. Benj. Warde.
15. Esther, b. June 16, 1786; choked to death with a bean, Nov. 29, 1790.
16. Amos, b. Jan. 16, 1789.†
17. Joel, b. Oct. 17, 1792.†
18. Elisha, b. March 12, 1795.†
19. Asa, b. Jan. 6, 1799; md., Oct. 8, 1822, Sally Whitcomb; d. Dec. 10, 1841.

(3.) Joshua Wood, md., Dec. 25, 1777, Elizabeth Bradish, and settled upon the farm where his grandson Joseph now resides. He d. Oct. 22, 1836; his wife d. Oct. 28, 1827.

20. Patty, b. July 27, 1780; md. Elisha Rice.
21. Levi, b. April 15, 1782.†
22. Betsey, b. July 22, 1785; d. Aug. 7, 1807.
23. Eunice, b. July 9, 1788; d. July 13, 1866; unmd.
24. James Bradish, b. April 17, 1791.†
25. Elijah, b. Sept. 10, 1795.†
26. Lucy, b. Aug. 24, 1798; d. Oct. 1, 1873; unmd.

(12.) Eli Wood, md., 1799, first wife, Lucy Rice, of this town, who d. Jan. 18, 1833; and he md., second wife, Mrs. Train; resided upon the homestead; he d. Feb. 22, 1855.

27. Leonard, b. April 4, 1800; md. Lucy Peabody; was a miller and farmer; he d. Jan. 22, 1879; his wife d. Aug. 8, 1879.
28. Lucy, b. Oct. 20, 1802; md. Elijah Smith.
29. Moses R., b. March 21, 1804; resides in the West.
30. Emmons, b. July 7, 1806; resides in Michigan.
31. Dexter, b. Jan. 21, 1809.†
32. Jabez, b. June 8, 1811; resides in Ohio.
33. Martha, b. June 7, 1813; md. Harris Campbell.
34. William, b. Dec. 2, 1818.†
35. Sarah C., b. April 3, 1821; d. Aug. 18, 1823.

(16.) Amos Wood, md. and resided here; but little record of him or of his family.

36. Norman, b. 1812; d. April 30, 1836.
 37. Almira, b. 1815; d. March 7, 1842.
 38. Franklin, b. 1817; d. March 6, 1833.
 39. Edmund, md., April 16, 1846, Mary B. Richardson, of this town; resides in Deering; several children.
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(17.) Joel Wood, md. Sally Dascomb, of Hillsborough; resided here, in Manchester, and in Lowell. He d. Dec. 19, 1851.

40. Infant, d. Jan. 4, 1820.
 41. Sarah E., b. Aug. 9, 1822; d. Sept. 14, 1823.
 42. George D., b. April 18, 1824.
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(21.) Levi Wood, md., Feb. 26, 1807, Prudence Chamberlain; resided on the homestead. He d. March 14, 1866; his wife d. Nov. 1, 1863.

43. Imri, b. April 25, 1808.†
 44. Alanson, b. May 3, 1810.†
 45. Lyman, b. Nov. 7, 1813; md. Zylphia A. Gould, of Goffstown; carpenter; d. in Manchester; one child.
 46. Hannah H., b. Oct. 3, 1816; md. C. P. McAdams.
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(24.) James Bradish Wood, md., Feb. 25, 1817, Betsey R. Munroe, of Hillsborough; was a life-long resident upon the homestead, and highly respected. He d. March 25, 1875; his wife d. Oct. 26, 1853.

47. Mary M., b. Jan. 7, 1820; d. Jan. 25, 1845.
 48. Julia Ann, b. April 7, 1822; md. David A. Pomeroy; d. Feb. 17, 1859.
 49. Infant, b. Dec., 1823; d. Jan. 7, 1824.
 50. James H., b. Sept. 19, 1826; md. Catharine O'Brien; was injured in Nashua by a heavy door falling upon him; resided at home with his father afterwards; d. July 25, 1868.
 51. Joseph, b. Aug. 18, 1828; md. Harriet E. Jenkins, of Townsend, Mass., Dec. 24, 1857; resides upon the homestead.
 52. I. Edwin M., b. Sept. 29, 1859; d. April 11, 1863.
 53. Angeline E., b. Dec. 31, 1832; unmd.
 54. Livonia, b. March 10, 1835; d. June 26, 1857.
 55. Alphonso B., b. Aug. 9, 1840. [See Roll of Honor.]
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(25.) Elijah Wood, md. Sally Munroe, and resided upon the hill northerly from his father's, where Francis Hills now lives. He d. Nov. 15, 1847; his wife d. April 11, 1856.

56. Emily E., b. Sept. 26, 1824; md., June 4, 1854, George W. Burnham; d. Sept. 7, 1866.
57. 1. George W., b. June 23, 1857; d. Sept. 10, 1857.
58. Sarah M., b. Nov. 18, 1828; d. Oct. 9, 1866.
59. Jennette, b. May 15, 1831; md., Dec. 22, 1851, Francis Hills, of Nashua; a mechanic. Became ill in health; came to this town, and purchased the old homestead where his wife was born, and, erecting a new house, has followed farming; is one of the most thrifty farmers of the town, and a valuable citizen.
60. John M., b. June, 1834; d. April 3, 1855.
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- (31.) Dexter Wood, md., Feb. 14, 1843, Julia Massey, of Stanstead, Canada, and resided upon the homestead; he d. April 2, 1875.
61. Ellen F., b. March 3, 1844; md. Moses W. Rice.
62. Martha F., b. Jan. 30, 1849; d. Aug. 23, 1850.
63. Abbie E., b. July 23, 1851; md. Fred. N. Webster, March 27, 1878.
64. Emma M., b. Dec. 15, 1857.
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- (43.) Imri Wood, md. Margaret C. Putney.
65. William C., b. 1832; d. 1843. 66. George, b. 1834; d.
67. Robert, b. 1836; d. Sept., 1838.
68. Betsey, b. 1838; d. Feb., 1839.
69. Maria, b. April, 1840; d. April 16, 1840.
70. Robert A., b. 1841; md., Nov. 5, 1863, Etta, dau. of James and Nancy Colby, of Warner.
71. 1. Mary M., b. 1866. 72. 2. George W. A., b. 1869.
73. Lyman, b. Oct., 1843; d. Oct., 1843.
74. George W., b. 1846; d. Nov. 3, 1863.
75. Frederick, b. 1848; d. 1848.
76. Mary M., b. 1849; d. Nov. 11, 1863.
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- (44.) Alanson Wood, md., first wife, Jan. 13, 1834, Mary, dau. of Silas Colby, of this town, who d. May 13, 1865; and he md., second wife, June, 1866, Mrs. Poor. He d. Nov. 13, 1873.
77. Levi, b. 1834; d. July 31, 1837.
78. Lenora A., b. Oct. 17, 1836; md. Jason H. Whitney.
79. Silas F., b. April 17, 1840.
80. Horace H., b. April 21, 1842.
81. Marietta, b. Feb. 9, 1849; md. George M. Poor; one child. Mr. Poor was a member of Co. C, 5th Reg. N. H. Vols.
82. Ida F., b. Jan. 17, 1854.

REV. WILLIAM WOOD

worked in his younger days upon the farm with his father. He fitted for college in the select school taught in this town, finishing his preparatory studies in the academy; he entered Dartmouth college in 1838, and graduated in 1842. After his graduation he taught a select school in South Weare for several months, after which he taught a similar school in Peru, Clinton Co., N. Y. He entered Union Theological Seminary in New York city in 1844, where he pursued a three years course of study, leaving the seminary in June, 1847. Having long entertained the idea of entering the missionary service, he pursued his theological studies with that end in view. He was ordained as a missionary of the American Board of Foreign Missions, in Henniker, July 8, 1847. July 11, 1847, he married Lucy Maria Lawrence, of Groton, Mass., and with her sailed for Bombay, India, on the 31st of July, 1847.

He was stationed at Satara, 175 miles inland, and south-east from Bombay. Here they had three children,—Edward Addison, b. May 8, 1848; William Curtis, b. April 20, 1849; and a daughter, b. Aug. 12, 1851. Mr. Wood remained at Satara until 1855, when his wife having died he returned to Henniker. He married, for his second wife, Eliza Maria Howard, of Pittsfield, Mass., July 24, 1856, and with her sailed for India, Aug. 18th, following. They had one child,—George Howard, b. Aug. 4, 1858; d. Aug. 11, 1859. Mrs. Wood died of cholera, Nov. 18, 1859, at Satara; and in 1864, Mr. Wood came to this country, again visiting Henniker. April 10, 1865, he married, for his third wife, Elizabeth Woodhull Pennig, of Greenport, Long Island, and sailed for India May 4, 1865; returning to Satara, he remained there until the spring of 1872, when, with his family, he came home, and they are now residing in Madison, Conn. Mr. Wood was a missionary twenty-five years, being stationed most of the time at Satara; for a short time, during the absence of the missionaries at Ahmednuggar and Bombay, who were on a visit to this country, he was stationed at those places. He returned home completely prostrated in health, induced by the warm climate of India and the multiplicity of his labors. He proved to be a most efficient worker in the cause which he espoused, and fully intended, on his last return to this country, should his health be fully restored, to go back to India and spend the remainder of his days in the work he had so well already begun. But it was ordered otherwise, and he will probably spend the rest of his days among his friends in this country.

His son, Edward A., is a practising physician in Branford, Conn.

William C. graduated, with high honor, at Yale college, as a classical scholar; for a while was a tutor in the college, and was a young man of more than ordinary ability. In 1875 he committed suicide in New Haven.

WOODS.

1. Samuel Woods was an original proprietor of Groton, Mass., and was an owner of one eleven-acre right in that township. He md. Alice —, by whom he had six children.
 2. Nathaniel Woods, son of Samuel, was b. in Groton, Mass., and md. Alice —, by whom he had twelve children.
 3. John Woods, son of Nathaniel, was b. in Groton, Mass., March 4, 1698, and md. Sarah Langley, by whom he had nine children.
 4. David Woods, son of John,⁸ son of Nathaniel,² son of Samuel,¹ was b. in Groton, Mass., Dec. 31, 1746; md. Deborah Swallow, of Groton, and settled in Deering, N. H., where his children were b.,—at least, a portion of them.
 5. David, b. April 25, 1771. 6. Deborah, b. Oct. 5, 1772.
 7. Sarah, b. May 11, 1774.
 8. William L., b. Jan. 7, 1776.+ 9. Ezra, b. Jan. 12, 1778.
 10. Warren, b. March 12, 1780. 11. Silas, b. Nov. 23, 1781.
 12. Emerson, b. March 21, 1783.
 13. Charlotte, b. Aug. 25, 1785.
 14. Ziba, b. Feb. 22, 1787. 15. Imri, b. June 14, 1789.+
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- (8.) William L. Woods, md. Betsey D. Dutton, and settled in this town in 1800, purchasing the mills at West Henniker; was a clothier by trade, and the first to carry on the business to any extent in the town. He represented the town in the legislature in 1832 and 1833; was selectman in 1813, '14, and '15; was a man of sound judgment, and was one of the most substantial citizens of the town during his life here. He d. March 29, 1847; his wife d. Oct. 31, 1849.
16. Frederick, b. Sept. 10, 1806; md., second wife, Mrs. Lucy Stuart, Jan. 30, 1844; resides in Michigan.
 17. Maria, b. Jan. 21, 1808; md. David N. Patterson; d. May 10, 1873.
 18. Dutton, b. Oct. 19, 1809; md., first wife, Dec. 21, 1837, Hannah L., dau. of Abram and Keziah Chase, of this

town, who d. June 27, 1845; and he md., second wife, May 9, 1848, Maria Peabody; moved to Concord in the spring of 1852; commenced work on the Concord Railroad as bridge-builder [see Bridge Builders] in 1855, which position he still holds; has followed the business of bridge-building since 1837. The first thirteen years he was employed on the Hartford & New Haven, Connecticut, White River & Northern, Concord & Claremont, and Contoocook Valley railroads. Within the past twenty-five years he has constructed 10,000 lineal feet of truss bridging and 4,500 feet pile and truss bridges; was one of the representatives from Ward 5, in Concord, in 1874 and 1875. He is a highly-valued citizen.

19. 1. Hannah Maria, b. here June 16, 1845.
20. Fidelia, b. Dec. 11, 1811; md. Frederic Whitney.
21. Jeanette, b. Oct. 12, 1814; md. Jesse Webster.
22. Lovilla, b. June 26, 1816; md. Jesse Webster.
23. Juliana, b. Oct. 1, 1818; md. Geo. Patterson.
24. Benjamin F., b. Aug. 8, 1820; resides in Cambridge, Mass.
25. William L. L., b. June 17, 1823; resides in Port Hope, Canada.
26. George A., b. July 29, 1826; md., first wife, Mary E. Whitney; md., second wife, Livonia Smith, of this town.
27. 1. George A., b. 1850; md., Dec. 10, 1874, Georgie A. Warde, Bradford.

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- (15.) Col. Imri Woods, became fatherless at the age of four years, and lived with his sister Deborah until fourteen years of age, when he came to this town to learn the trade of a clothier of his brother, William L., with whom he remained until twenty-one years of age. Soon after, he commenced business in Deering as a clothier. He was an ingenious mechanic, and master of his trade. He md., Sept. 13, 1813, Hannah Patterson, of this town, with whom he lived fifty-four years. In 1817 he returned to this town, and purchased an interest in the mill with his brother. In 1840 he erected a woollen factory, and carried on the manufacture of woollen cloths until the infirmities of age compelled him to retire from active business. During his long and useful life he enjoyed the confidence of his townsmen, and always maintained the character of a courteous and agreeable gentleman. He represented the town in the legis-

lature in 1835 and 1836, and in 1849; was selectman in 1825 and 1837; town-clerk from 1818 until 1834; moderator in town-meetings many years; was prominent as a military officer; was a conspicuous mason, "Woods Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No. 14," of this town, being named in honor of him; was master of Aurora Lodge, No. 43, of this town, from 1833 until 1839, and from 1856 until 1860; was one of the first choristers and teachers of music in this vicinity. He rounded out a busy life, full of honors, and d. Feb. 10, 1808; his wife, a woman of sterling worth, d. July 22, 1867.

28. Mary M., b. in Deering, Aug. 7, 1814; md. David P. Perkins.
29. Imri N., b. in Hillsborough, Oct. 23, 1815; md. Marietta Norwood, of Rockport, Mass.; was a teacher, and a manufacturer with his father.
30. 1. Henri N., b. March 15, 1846.

Born here.

31. Caroline E., b. Feb. 27, 1818; md. Alonzo Patterson.
32. John C., b. June 16, 1820; md., Sept. 25, 1848, Susan W. Patterson, of Mt. Morris, N. Y.; resided in Port Hope, Canada, thirteen years, then in Patterson, Ottawa, where he still resides; is a manufacturer of agricultural implements.
33. 1. Jennie W., b. in Henniker, Nov. 18, 1850.
34. 2. Helen M., b. in Leicester, N. Y., Feb. 9, 1853.

Born in Port Hope, Can.

35. 3. William P., b. July 6, 1856.
36. 4. Mary C., b. June 11, 1861; d. Aug. 31, 1861.
37. Maria S., b. Dec. 2, 1822; md. Henry Adams, Port Hope, Can.; d. Jan. 23, 1874.
38. Margaret P., b. Jan. 7, 1825; d. June 13, 1845.
39. James H., b. Dec. 23, 1826; d. June 26, 1871.
40. Charles H., b. March 10, 1831; md., July 25, 1857, Anna A. Matthews; he d. Oct. 1, 1869.
41. 1. David P., b. March 4, 1861.
42. 2. Charles E., b. April, 1863.
43. 3. Susan, b. July, 1865.

Two of these brothers, Silas and Ziba, served in the War of 1812. Silas was killed at the battle of Bridgewater, one of the hardest fought battles of that eventful war. Nearly all these brothers resided in this town at times, but there is no record of their families.

On July 4, 1845, seven of these brothers met in this town, having been separated for more than fifty years, not one of

them even remembering that they had all been together before. It was a rare but beautiful sight, to see them as they marched through the street, from the home of one brother to that of the other, in a section, according to age, ranging downward from right to left, from David, who was then seventy-four years of age, to Imri, who was fifty-six. Their united ages were four hundred and fifty-three years, and their average age sixty-four years and a half.

SKETCHES.

ANDREW TODD

came from Ireland in 1720, at the age of 23, and settled in Londonderry, of which town he was a grantee. He removed to Peterborough, N. H., in 1776, and died there Sept. 15, 1777. His wife was Beatrix More, daughter of John More, who was slain in the massacre of Glencoe in 1692. Col. Todd was a man of much consideration in Londonderry, sharing with Hon. John Bell, and other leading citizens, the burdens and honors of public life. He was much in the military service of the state, and held high reputation as an able and efficient officer.

CAPT. ROBERT WALLACE

came to Londonderry with his father, Thomas Wallace, in 1732. He was born in 1709 near Bush Mills, in Ireland, about four miles from the Giant's Causeway, and died in Londonderry, Oct. 10, 1782. He was a scholarly man, and was often employed in town and parish affairs. He married Margaret Steele, daughter of Thomas Steele, a proprietor of Londonderry. They never had children, but tradition holds them responsible for the bringing up of seventeen orphans, to each of whom they gave a religious book upon attaining their majority.

John Mack,

John Mack was born in the north of Ireland in 1698; married Isabella, daughter of John Brown, and came to Londonderry in 1731. He settled in the west parish, near the Presbyterian meeting-house, where he died April 12, 1753. He was a blacksmith, but united with this trade the business of farming. His children were William, Jenette, John, Robert, Martha, Elizabeth, Andrew, and Daniel. Jenette, who was born on the passage of emigration, married Henry Campbell, of Londonderry, where they resided till her death in 1778, when he removed to Fletcher, Vt. He died at Fletcher, April 11, 1813. They were the parents of John Campbell, who settled in Henniker.

THOMAS WALLACE

was born in 1717, near Bush Mills, in the north of Ireland, and died in Londonderry, May 7, 1789. He was a generous man, giving liberally from his ample means to his friends, and the poor of the parish. The "wake" at his funeral was the last ever held in Londonderry. He never married.

JOHN McMURPHY

was a resident grantee of Londonderry, and early took prominence in the settlement of the town. In 1723 he was elected town-clerk, and was continued in office fourteen years. He was the first representative to the General Court, and held that position eleven years, a longer term of service than was ever held by any other citizen of the town, and which must have been a mark of high honor, as he had for competitors such men as John Bell, Robert Clark, and others of equal note. The house he built in 1725 still stands intact, and is owned and occupied by a descendant of the same name, a parallel to which cannot be found in the proprietary history of old Londonderry. He died Sept. 21, 1755, at Portsmouth, while in attendance at the General Court as a member.

REV. WILLIAM DAVIDSON,

fourth minister of the original Presbyterian church in Londonderry, held the pastoral office fifty years. Holding Arminian sentiments, he withheld the right hand of fellowship to the

famous Whitefield, who desired to address his congregation. As a consequence, the west parish in the town (now Londonderry), enjoyed the benefit of his services, which aided greatly to build up the rival church. Mr. Davidson died Feb. 15, 1791, at the age of 77, leaving two daughters and two sons: one of the former married Rev. Solomon Moor, of New Boston. The sons, at the commencement of the Revolution, in local phrase, became "tarred with the stick of disloyalty," and like many others, sought refuge from the impending storm by removal to Nova Scotia. Descendants of Mr. Davidson, in other names, still occupy the ancestral glebe.

JOHN DUNCAN,

of Scotch-Irish descent, an emigrant to Londonderry, and many years a resident of that town, and his wife Hannah Henry, from Barre, Mass., half Scotch, half English, occupy the traditional position of preëminence for personal beauty in the Duncan ancestry. The Duncans were a race of merchants. At a catechising held in Londonderry by Dr. Morrison of blessed memory, a bright ten-year-old boy, who lived to become a state senator, was asked the old-time question, "Who was the first Christian martyr?" Mistaking martyr for merchant, the boy, Mrs. Partington like, replied, "I do n't know, but I think he must have been a Duncan." John Duncan was the first merchant, and kept the first store within the bounds of the present town of Londonderry. He was a man of strong mind, and was a useful citizen. His death occurred about 1799.

HUGH WILSON.

An air of mystery rests upon the history of Hugh Wilson. Without much doubt he came to Londonderry in the early emigration. His local habitation in that town is not known, but he was probably a man of much ability, and held in high repute by the early settlers. He represented the town in 1738, was moderator many years, and four years selectman. Shortly after 1750 he disappeared from Londonderry, and became a resident of Peterborough, N. H., where he was much in the public service till 1774, since which time all trace of him is lost, although he had two wives and nine children.

WILLIAM MACK

was a son of John Mack, one of the proprietors of Henniker. He resided for a time in Amherst, N. H., and subsequently at

Londonderry, Vt., but settled eventually in Washington county, New York, where numerous descendants are to be found. He was a soldier in the French war, and a survivor of the massacre of Fort William Henry in 1757. His wife's name was Mary Hylands, and they had eleven children.

JAMES TODD

was a son of Col. Andrew Todd, and was born in Londonderry, Aug. 1, 1724. He held for a time a captain's commission in the 3d company, 8th regiment of the N. H. Provincial Militia, of which regiment his father was colonel. He lived in Londonderry, where he died before the Revolution, of hemorrhage of the lungs.

CAPT. SAMUEL BARR.

The Barr homestead in Londonderry had origin in a grant of land to John Barr and sons. Samuel was one of the sons. They early kept an inn, as appears from the records of the committee appointed in 1726, by the General Court of Massachusetts Bay, to lay out the town of Concord, N. H. Captain Barr was a man of much consequence in his time, often serving the public in a civil or military capacity. He was many times moderator of town-meetings, ten years selectman, and eight years representative to the General Court.

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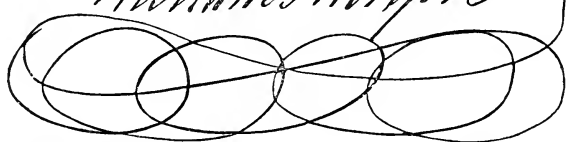
Rev. James MacGregor, a grantee of Londonderry, was among the first of the Scotch-Irish to set foot in that town, April 11, 1719, O. S. A Presbyterian church was soon organized, the first in New England, and Mr. MacGregor called to its charge. He was a scholarly man, and a man of much refinement of character. His influence in the new settlement was unbounded, both in church and state. Tradition assigns him a place among the defenders of Londonderry, Ireland, in the

ever memorable siege of 1688-'9; and it is related that it fell to his lot to discharge a gun from the tower of the cathedral announcing the arrival of the relief vessels. He died March 5, 1729.

Macgregore

Rev. David MacGregor was the third son of Rev. James MacGregor, the first minister of Londonderry, and came with his father in the Londonderry emigration of 1718-'19. He was born Nov. 6, 1710, studied theology under the excentric Rev. Matt Clark; was settled over the West Parish society in 1736, and continued its pastor till his death, May 30, 1777. He was a man of much ability, an eloquent speaker, and a popular pastor. His voice was often heard in the pulpits of Boston, and some of his sermons were published. Many of his descendants sustain the high character of their ancestor.

William Morrison



Rev. William Morrison, D. D., pastor of the West Parish in Londonderry thirty-five years, was born about 1748 in the town of Auchlinnes, Parish of Comrie, Perthshire, Scotland. According to his autobiographical sketch, he was early apprenticed to a tailor of a "very exemplary and religious character," with whom he remained several years. In 1766 he came to a "place sixty miles up the Hudson river, in N. Y.," and worked at his trade till he earned the money that defrayed the expense of his education. He studied divinity with Rev. Robert Anan, of Philadelphia, was settled in Londonderry, Feb. 12, 1783, and died there March 9, 1818. His large family of eleven children are all dead, and but few, if any, descendants are living. No minister ever more deserved or enjoyed the love and respect of a parish than did Dr. Morrison.

James Wallace

was the father of Hon. Robert Wallace, William Wallace, Esq., and James Wallace, early settlers of Henniker. He came from Bush Mills, Ireland, in 1732, and settled in Londonderry, where he spent the remainder of his days. His death occurred Oct. 30, 1791. He was a man of large hospitality, a genial man, a generous man, and one who, like many of his descendants, took great pleasure in the bestowal of gifts upon others. Among the first in "Old Londonderry" to cultivate fruit, no boy failed to claim acquaintance with James Wallace, nor failed to have his claim allowed. Nothing was better known or appreciated than the flavor of his apples, plums, and pears. A pear tree of his planting, every bearing year still illustrates the sentiment of the poet,—

"The sweet remembrance of the just
Shall flourish, though they sleep in dust."

James Wallace was a successful farmer, and withal a great lover of flowers, rare varieties of which he often cultivated.

He was the husband of "Ocean-born Mary," well and pleasantly known in Londonderry history, and the maternal grandfather of the late Hon. George W. Patterson, of Westfield, N. Y.

Robert Rogers

Major Robert Rogers was a son of James Rogers, a grantee of Londonderry, and born in that town. In 1749 he removed with his father to Dunbarton, N. H. Three years previous, in 1746, he enlisted in the military service of the state as a private in Capt. Ladd's company of scouts, which operated against the "Indian enemy" in the vicinity of Concord, a part of whose command suffered in the Bradley massacre of that year. During the winter of 1755-'56, Rogers was in command of New Hampshire's quota of troops of ninety-one men stationed at Fort William Henry. The following March he was commissioned to recruit a company of rangers. The success of this company was such that four more were enlisted at once, and the command given to Rogers. From this he derived the title of major, by which he is known in history. Upon the close of the French war Major Rogers went to England. In 1767 he

published a journal of his military operations, which he kept between Sept. 24, 1755, and Feb. 14, 1761. He returned to America in 1775, and visited the Continental troops at Cambridge and Medford, but, falling under the suspicions of Gen. Washington, he was prohibited from entering the American camp. Shortly after he engaged in the service of England, and was proscribed and banished from the country in 1778. He returned to England, where it is supposed he died. The date of his death is unknown.

Peter Patterson

Henry Campbell

Thomas Patterson

Jon^o Wallace

ADDENDUM.

ADAMS.

1. James Adams, son of Moses, was b. Feb. 15, 1789; md. Sarah Peaslee. He was known as "Master Adams," having taught school a great deal in this and other towns. He resided the latter part of his life in Quincy, Ill. Two sisters of his are now living,—Betsey, in Ohio, and Charlotte, in Iowa. He d. in Weare, Sept. 22, 1870.
2. James Peaslee, b. in 1821; md. Anna G. Page, of Heniker; resided in Weare, and afterwards in Nashua; enlisted in 7th Regt. N. H. V., and d. at Beaufort, S. C., Aug. 25, 1862.
3. 1. Charles Frederick, b. in Weare, May 20, 1851; md. Marianna D. Sanborn, of Concord, Nov. 2, 1874; resides in Concord; printer.
4. I. Enid Houghton, b. Feb. 19, 1879.
5. 2. Ida Geraldine, b. in Weare, Oct. 2, 1856; resides in Weare.
6. 3. James Meade, b. in Nashua, June 26, 1862; resides in Weare.
7. Sarah Jane, b. in 1827; md. Frederick A. Walker; resides in Somerville, Mass. Two daughters.
8. 1. Sarah. 9. 2. Eva J.

ERRATA.

- Page 597. Second line from bottom, for 1737 read 1757.
Page 653. Sixteenth line from bottom, for 1837 read 1830.
Page 697. Third line from bottom, for Israel read Isaac.
Page 700. Seventh line from top, for Daniel read David.







